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"In almost every sector, the French positions successfully resisted the advance of tanks."

These were the features of the latest-issued French communique stressed by the spokesman of the Ministry for War in Paris early this morning and it is considered that, having regard to the weight of the German onslaught, the French did an excellent day's work.

FRENCH CABINET RESHUFFLE

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued by the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, early this morning says: "A Cabinet reshuffle took place yesterday."

"The Prime Minister becomes Foreign Minister as well as Minister of National Defence, these two Ministries assuring the conduct of the war."

"He will be assisted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by M. Paul Baudouin and at the Ministry of National Defence by General de Gaulle."

"M. Bouthillier, General Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, becomes Finance Minister."

"M. George Pernot becomes Minister for French Families and will fulfil the function of the former Minister of Public Health."

"M. Jean Prouvost becomes Minister of Information, while M. Frossard takes over the Ministry of Public Works."

"M. Yvon Delbos is appointed Minister of National Education."

The other Ministries are unchanged. M. Edouard Daladier is not in the reconstructed Cabinet.—Reuters.

BOMBS DROPPED ON ROUEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

For the third time yesterday German planes dropped bombs in the Rouen region. The exact number of victims and the extent of the damage are not revealed.—Havas.

The offensive was concentrated on three main districts, around Amiens, where a bridgehead across the Somme was already in German possession, at Peronne, and along the small river, Ailette, which runs between the Aisne and the Oise, and covers the line between Soissons and Peronne.

The strategic aim of the German push in the sector, upon which the main weight of the battle is concentrated, is apparently to force a passage for a crushing armoured operation along the Oise Valley.

Increasing Violence

This main offensive assumed ever increasing violence during the day as the Germans were repeatedly repulsed with serious loss.

With every hour, the German Command threw additional elements into the attack, notably heavy artillery, shock aviation and finally strong tank detachments.

Nevertheless, at the end of the day, it could be stated that from the German viewpoint, no important result had been achieved anywhere.—Havas.

No Second Sedan

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"The Times" correspondent with the French armies stresses that there will not be another Sedan.—Havas.

Simultaneous Air Battle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Announcing the start of the German offensive, the French Air Ministry declared a tremendous air battle started simultaneously with the Nazi big push.

The French air force lent magnificent support to the land troops with whom they maintained contact; all actions of the French infantry and tanks were supported by our air force.

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WEATHER: FROM 10.00 AM. With light or variable winds, light to moderate clouds, generally fair.

ITALY: NO CLUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Not the slightest clue is available regarding the date and form of Italian intervention in the European conflict.

French opinion generally expects it might coincide with the maximum German effort in the present offensive.

In this connexion, political circles here recall M. Reynaud's declaration that France is ready to negotiate with Italy on "Rome's historical aims," but so far no reply has been received from Mussolini.—Havas.

French Study Situation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued after yesterday's session of the foreign affairs

BRITAIN AND FRANCE UNCONQUERABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"Whatever happens, Englishmen and Frenchmen, Britain and France, are unconquerable," says "The Times."

"The oceans and seas are ours and lands far beyond Hitler's reach will continue the struggle until this foul contagion is purged from the face of the earth."—Havas.

REVIEW OF DEFENCE SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Only indication of the problems discussed at the Privy Council meeting at Buckingham Palace was given by Lord Craigavon, who said: "Recent events have made it necessary to review the defence situation."—Havas.

commission of the Chamber merely stated the committeemen examined Italy's attitude. The committee instructed its chairman to inform M. Reynaud, the Premier, of the result of their discussions.—Havas.



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R.A.S.C. STORY OF THE RETREAT TO CALAIS

London, To-day.

AN OFFICER OF THE ROYAL ARMY Service Corps has described how they got their lorries to Calais in spite of the enemy's encircling movement.

His unit had about 150 10-ton lorries carrying petrol and food, and "things were working quite well." When the enemy broke through however, they were practically in the line of advance.

The Germans bombed the town they were in ten or fifteen times a day at almost regular intervals—there was always a raid at 6.30 p.m., for instance. There were no casualties.

After two days, they received the order to move back. They did so, along roads packed with civilian refugees. They spent two days at one town, hiding their huge vehicles under trees and wherever there were deep shadows, and this seemed effective, for although a reconnaissance plane came over it did not find them.

They then had 100 tons of petrol, 140 tons of rations and 360 jars of rum.

Few Brushes

They had a few brushes with enemy tanks and aeroplanes on the road to Calais. At one town they stopped at a farm-house and had some beer. Two tanks were reported on the road only 200 yards away and two men who stopped behind to finish their beer were almost left behind!—Reuter.

tions, including the Communist Party and the National Unity Party, have been outlawed under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

The National Unity Party is a black-shirted Fascist group whose leader, Adrien Argand, is at present under arrest.

Other proscribed organisations include the overseas organisation of the German Nazi Party.—Reuter.

CALL TO THE SCOTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN A MANIFESTO ISSUED YESTERDAY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SCOTTISH TRADE UNIONS CALLS UPON SCOTS WORKERS TO GIVE EVERY SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The Council welcomes the powers taken by Government to mobilise the nation's resources which, although drastic, are recognised as being necessary.

The manifesto expressed the opinion that the traditions of the Trade Union movement will be respected and concludes: "When peace is restored and reconstruction has to be resolutely faced, a strong Trade Union movement will be a decisive factor in maintaining the full, free Democracy for which the people of Britain to-day are fighting."—British Wireless.

CANADIAN BLACK LIST

Ottawa, To-day.

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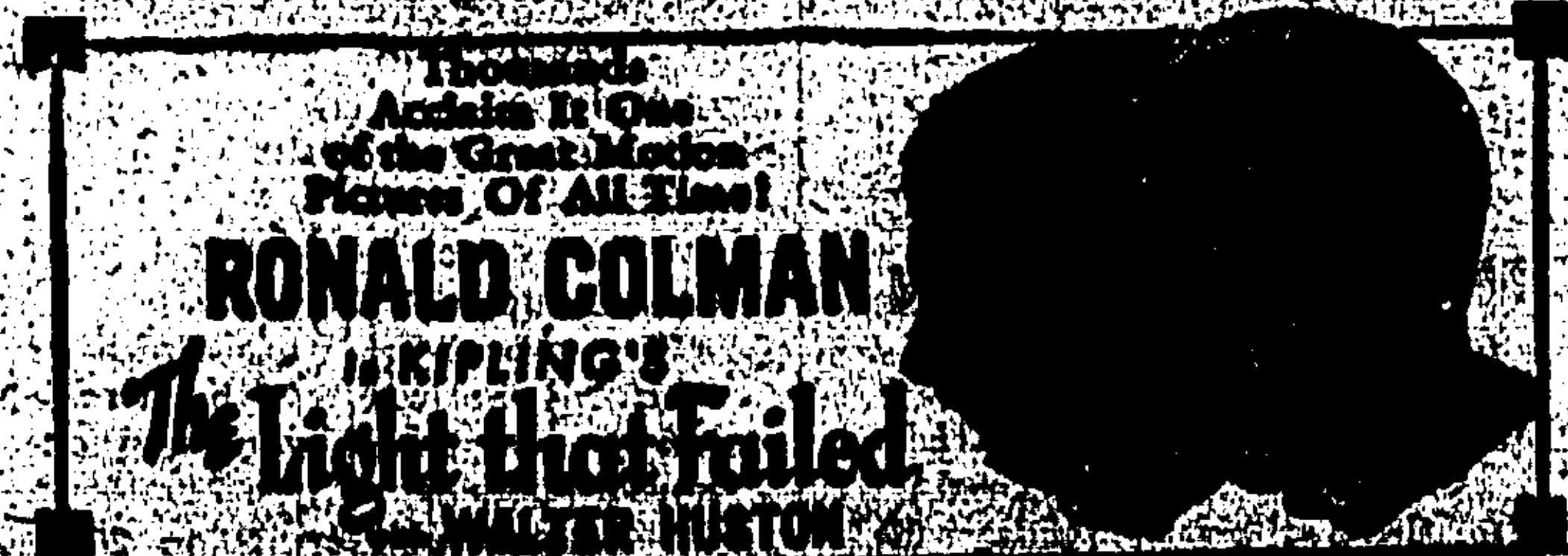


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CLAIM AGAINST THE HOTEL GARAGE

THE CASE IN WHICH THE Admiralty is claiming £1,208.4-7d. from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., as a sequel to an accident in which Commissioned Engineer W. A. Jones, R.N., was badly injured on the road to Fanling on July 24, 1938, was continued this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Co., is representing the Admiralty while Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., instructed by Deacons, is for the Hotel.

At yesterday's hearing it was shown that as the result of his injuries, Jones had to be invalided out of the service and sent home.

The accident occurred as the car was going down the second hill near the 12½ mile stone. The car skidded, and the driver, attempted to correct the skid, but the car skidded in the reverse direction, hit the side of the road and threw its occupants out.

Plaintiffs' case is that the skidding was due to bad tyres.

The amount of damages is not disputed, but the defence is a denial of duty and of negligence and an assertion that the car was reasonably fit for service. The defence denies any duty to Mr. Jones, and knowledge that the car was unfit.

INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE

Inspector Tuckett, stationed at Tai-po Police station, to-day said that a report of the accident was made to him. With the assistance of the driver, he made certain measurements.

The rear tyres of the car were smooth, but the front tyres were in good condition. He had 20 years' experience of driving. The accident occurred on a gradual slope. He agreed with Mr. d'Almada that, knowing the facts of the accident, the cause of the skid was the smooth tyres. Sudden application of the brakes might cause a skid as also might going too fast.

If a car was fitted with proper tyres, it might not skid even with such violence. Police regulations required that tyres be serviceable. The rear tyres were, from police point of view, serviceable. An unserviceable tyre was one liable to a burst.

In reply to Mr. Potter, witness said the regulations applying to tyres were that they should be in a good and serviceable condition. The mere fact that a tyre was smooth was not necessarily a danger, but it was more prone to skid.

He normally touched his brake on that hill. Braking on a steep hill re-

quired care for if overdone a skid was liable.

In reply to Mr. Potter, Inspector Tuckett said he had the impression that that part of the road was more slippery than others and that a skid, if over-corrected, would result in a bigger skid.

The surface was tar with chipped granite, but the road at that point was now smooth.

There had been a heavy downpour that day.

EVIDENCE ON TAR

Mr. A. Mann, service manager of Gilman's, said he had held that position for 9 years and prior to that was a sergeant in the R.A.S.C. transport section.

He considered the tyre shown in court to be unserviceable and would not allow it on his cars. He considered it unserviceable for two reasons (1) the danger of skidding owing to its smoothness and (2) the danger of a blowout as the canvas was showing.

It was his opinion that the accident was caused by the smooth tyre or some mechanical defect in the car. In the absence of such defect, the smoothness of the tyre was the cause. Smooth tyres were more likely to skid than others.

Case is proceeding.

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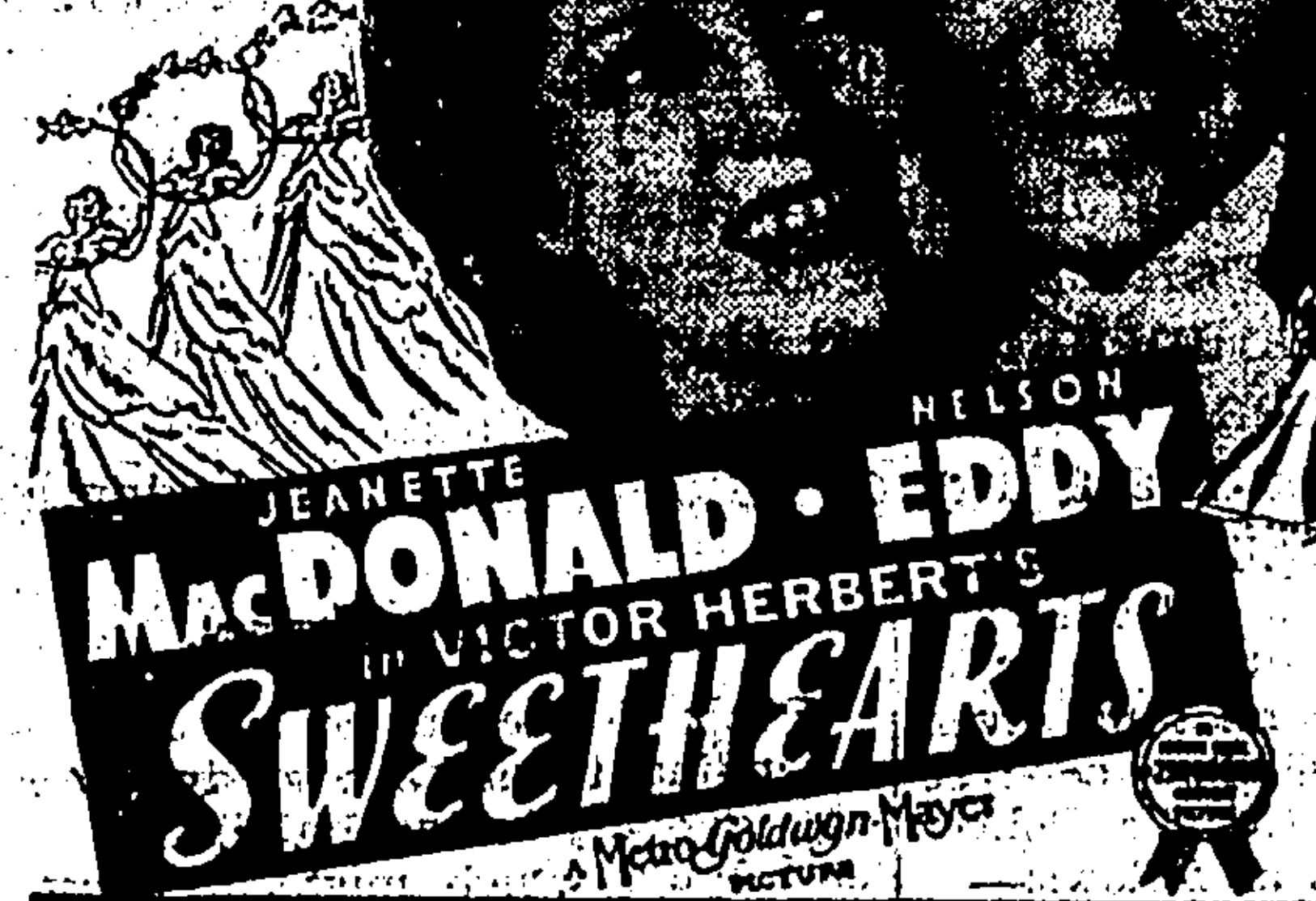
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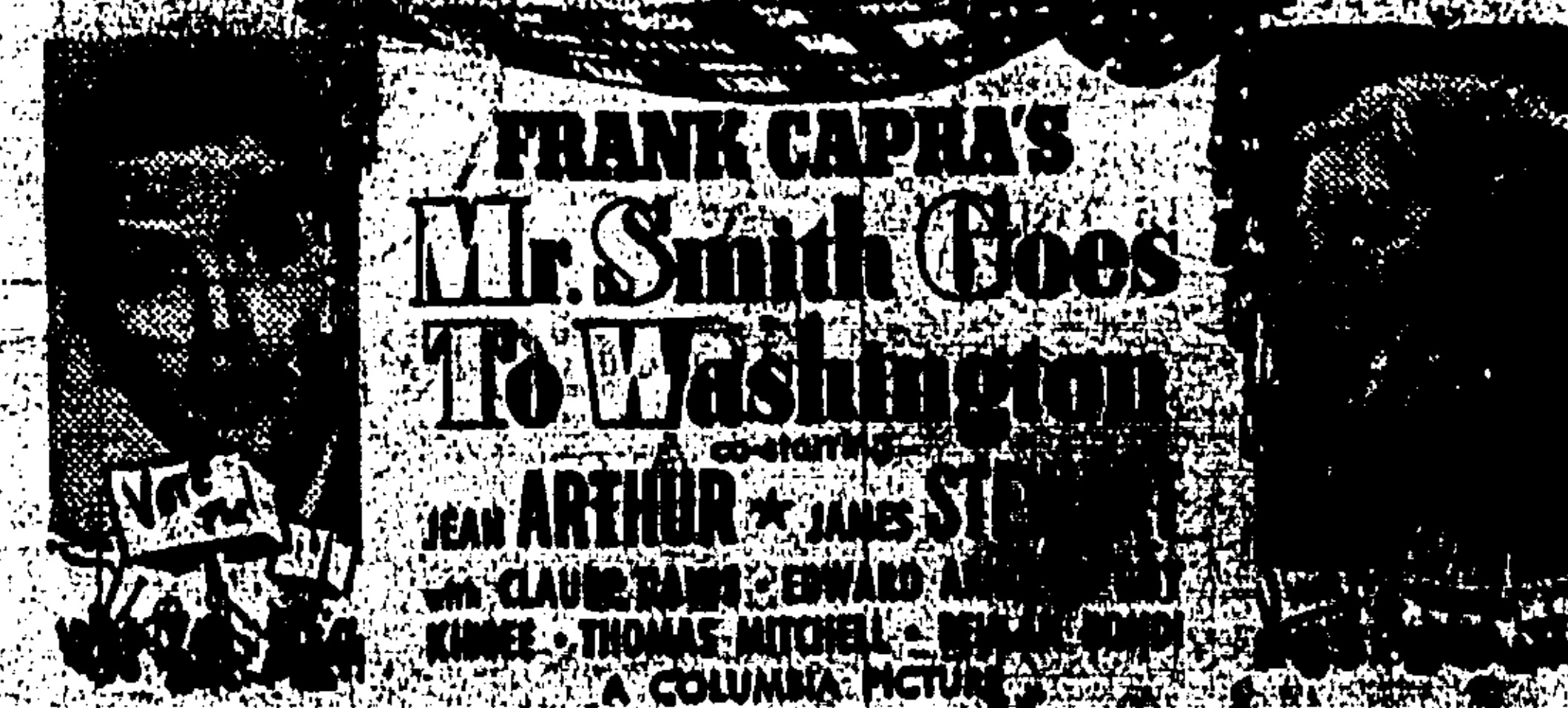
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The Plight of Paula Richards; An Interview At Laichikok

BEHIND THE GRIM WALLS of Laichikok Prison and sharing a cell with a Chinese woman convict is a young and pretty American girl, whose neat summer frock contrasts oddly with the white uniforms of the warders and prisoners. The Prison authorities have done what they could to make her comfortable, but the fact remains that, owing to lack of suitable facilities in Hong Kong, this 22-year old girl—guilty of stowing away from Manila and landing here without a visa—has had to be put into the female prison at Laichikok, overcrowded as it is with Chinese female convicts of the 101 varieties to be found in Hong Kong.

Some few months ago, the girl passed through Hong Kong on her way to Manila, happy and looking forward to a pleasant few months there before returning here to fly through to Chungking and thence down the Burmah Road into India. Yet when the President Cleveland arrived from Manila a day or so ago, she was under lock and key as a stowaway.

The story of how this sad fall from good fortune came about is a complicated one and that cannot be given in full detail outside the libel-free confines of a Supreme Court or Police Simplified, the story is as follows:—

The girl is Paula—Richards; the "Richards" part is not strictly accurate, but it's as good a name as any to have for the time being. A blonde, 5ft. 3in., weight around 105 pounds, she is a vocalist, dancer, pianist and guitarist and, therefore, comes from Hollywood, needless to say.

A native of Arizona, she first went to New York, where she studied singing and found that she had quite a fine soprano voice. Energetic and talented, she set out for Hollywood, and was soon appearing with the famous Duncan Sisters in their "Little Show" in 1938 and later, with them in the Music Box in San Francisco.

She also spent some time doing interpretative and exhibition ball-room dancing, both on the stage and in the films. Anyone with a good memory for faces and figures may remember her in "Firefly" and "Rose Marie," in both of which she appeared. She was to have had a bigger part in "The Great Victor Herbert," but had to forego this because of illness.

So much for the background of this girl, who comes from a good middle-class family in Arizona.

Only Friend

Her only friend here is Ed. Williams, who is in his early 20's himself; anyone seeing him in the House of Detention would find it hard to believe that at one time he was employed by such people as Mr. William C. Bullitt, the present American Ambassador to Paris, and the late Irving Thalberg, movie director and husband of Norma Shearer. But that is the way things work out in this world sometimes.

A few months ago, then, to return to the main story, they met some people in California who painted a glowing picture of the Orient and some gold mines in Burma and the Philippine Islands. They told Paula and Ed and some friends who were with them that, if they came out to the East at any time, they would take care of them.

It is possible that this was just one of those "generous offers" which are not meant to be accepted; be that as it may, however, Paula and Ed and the two other young men in the party decided to accept the invitation and so they made arrangements to sail for Manila within a few weeks, bringing with them letters of introduction and so on.

Adventure

Paula decided to come out as well, intending to make a study of music and dancing in the Philippines, China and India which might well set her on the road to fame when she got back to the United States. She hoped to be able to support herself in the meantime by dancing and singing, for, if she was good enough for Hollywood and the Duncan Sisters, she should be good enough for the Far East!

So they set sail from California, and it was not long before they started to run into adventure with a capital A. They took passage on the Plata Maru, and found that Paula was the only woman passenger on board—the rest of the passenger list consisted of 100 Nazis.

The Plata Maru, crossed the Pacific only shortly behind the Asama Maru, but she sailed on a secret course. All charts and maps and so on were taken down, so that none but the captain and officers knew where the ship was. She took almost a month to accomplish a journey which should take no more than 18 days.

Sailing far off her course to avoid meeting any British warship, she ran into a severe storm, mighty waves sending the ship over at angles of 35 degrees and more and frequently threatening to swamp it. Food ran short and they had to go on rations, while the crew caught rainwater for them to drink.

All in all, it was no pleasure-trip and everyone was glad when they finally reached Japan.

"Fizzled" Out

Then on down to Manila, where more trouble began, real trouble this time.

The rosy prospects of jobs in gold-mines and so on "fizzled out." Paula, unused to the hardships of the long

and uncomfortable journey across the Pacific in the Plata Maru, fell ill; blood poisoning developed and she had to have an operation, which the rest of them helped to pay for.

After that, however, their available funds ran out, and they all looked around for work. The men became odd-job men, since there was nothing else to do, earning a few pesos a month here and there.

Paula got temporary work singing in sponsored programmes over the Manila radio-stations, but the pay was small and her health was none too good. She was, however, very popular, and this led to her appearance at several charity concerts, at which she gave of her talents free singing before 2,000 and more people at a time.

But things could not go on this way, and they looked around for help. The men could find no work in Manila, while Paula's pretty face and figure attracted men of means who were willing to help—but only on terms. That is not a nice thing to say, but it happens to be a fact. Paula was—and is—not that sort of girl.

Appeal For Aid

Eventually, they decided to appeal for assistance through the High Commissioner's office. At one time, they hoped to get away on an American transport. At the last moment, however, Paula was informed that they were unable to take her, although room could be found for the men.

Ed. Williams promptly refused to leave Paula behind, stranded, and so the other men sailed on alone, in the hope that they could get through to the United States in time to send them out financial help.

But Paula and Ed were unable to just sit around and wait for this help. They got in touch with the High Commissioner's office again. An attempt was made to ship them on the s.s. President Cleveland either as destitutes or as part of the crew. They were not allowed on board as part of the crew, and, although the High Commissioner's office does not have funds to pay their passages and some of the crew offered to help out financially, this, too, was forbidden.

But Paula and Ed were almost desperate by this time. They had reason to believe that there were jobs going on board and they figured that, anyway, the President Cleveland was an American ship bound for the United States and, if they showed their willingness to work their way across, no one would mind if they stowed away.

Handed Over

Once the ship was well under way, they gave themselves up, meeting a third stowaway, a young Filipino, who had had the same idea. Paula was promptly confined to quarters, while Ed was put to work. When the ship

arrived in Hong Kong, they were handed over to the police, who promptly charged them with entering the Colony without a valid passport—a charge that always puzzles stowaways who have no intention of getting ashore here, but are put off forcibly by the ship they have boarded.

And so, on Tuesday, Paula and Ed appeared before the Magistrate, who ordered them to be expelled from the Colony and to be detained meanwhile as vagrants, since they are, after all, without any money and few belongings.

Yesterday, a "China Mail" representative visited both Ed, at the House of Detention, and Paula, at Laichikok Women's Gaol. Both were feeling somewhat depressed and wondering what was going to happen next; both practically fell on the "China Mail" representative's shoulders with relief at the thought that at least someone from the outside world—even if it was only a newspaperman—had come to visit them.

Hard Knocks

Ed, first, behind the bars and grills of the House of Detention. Young, fairly well educated, he admitted quite frankly that hard knocks meant little to him; if it came to the choice between comfort and adventure, it was adventure for him every time. He was obviously the type of young American who bobs up again no matter how many times Fate deals a blow.

He was, however, very, very worried about Paula and, indeed, most of his conversation was about her and how to get her out of her predicament—he did not seem to be worrying much about himself.

And then, out to Laichikok Women's Prison, to see Paula.

In a thin, summer frock, she presented an incongruous sight as she sat in one of the "reception" rooms and chatted with the "China Mail" representative. Under the circumstances, she was quite cheerful—far more cheerful than the conversation with Ed. would lead one to believe—but it was obvious that she was beginning to feel the strain.

She has relatives and friends in San Francisco who will be glad to send the passage money if they can only be communicated with, she told the "China Mail." She also wanted to send word to her mother by air-mail, but as she is only allowed to write on prison note-paper, she has decided not to do so for the moment.

What are her plans? the "China Mail" asked.

"First, I want to get out of here and back to the States," she smiled. "After that, I'll return to dancing and the movies. And the next time I come out to the Far East—if I do—it'll be by Clipper! No more ocean trips, if I can help it!"

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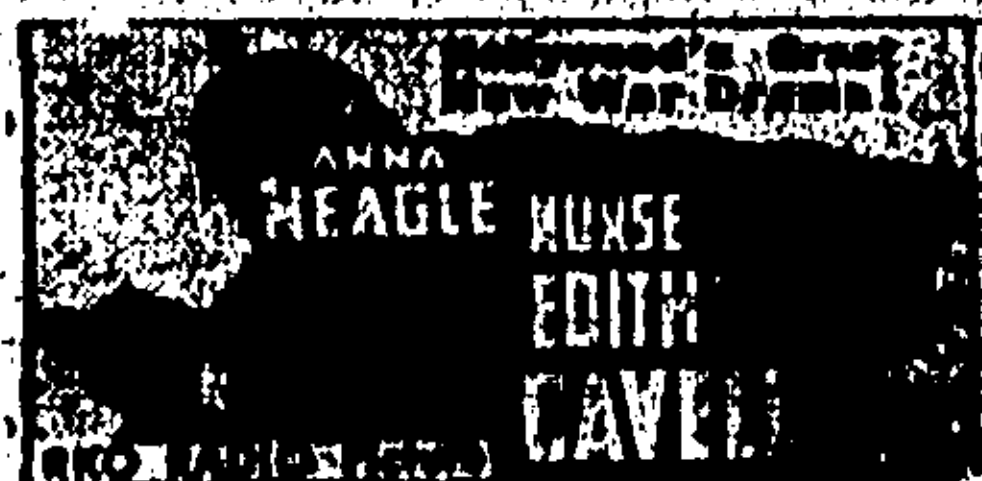


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Thousands Of French Troops In English Care

London, To-day.

THOUSANDS OF FRENCH TROOPS have been brought to England, and Colin Wells described them in a broadcast talk last night when he reported on a visit to an English town filled with French khaki.

The troops, who had obviously passed through a grim time, and were battle-stained and tired, looked around with almost bewildered eyes at a blue sky which contained no bombers and at a town in which they could hear nothing but the sound of laughter and a few words of laborious French.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 6, 1915

Americans arriving from Germany state that they are openly insulted. Meanwhile, Germany has apologised to the United States for the torpedoing of the s.s. Gulf Light and agrees to pay compensation.

A Zeppelin has visited the East Coast, dropping incendiary bombs which caused two fires; five were killed and 40 injured.

The Germans have shot M. Masson, Deputy for Mons.

Combined Allied attacks at Gallipoli have been successful, two lines of Turkish trenches being taken; among the thousands of prisoners were some German sailors. The Turks are retreating from the Persian Gulf, pursued by General Gorridge; the main body has dispersed into the marshes.

TRENCHES IN PARKS OF LONDON

London, To-day.

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CIVIL DEFENCE IN INDIA

Simla, To-day.

The Viceroy has announced the formation of a Civil Guard which will be voluntary and affiliated to the regular police.

The force will be organised on a provincial basis and will be concerned with civil defence.

District war committees are also to be formed throughout India to assist in recruiting, support national savings and generally encourage the war effort.

The Viceroy has appealed to the public for the maximum assistance.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT LEBRUN'S MESSAGE

London, To-day.

The following message has been sent by President Lebrun to the King in reply to His Majesty's message of Tuesday:

"I have been greatly touched by Your Majesty's message and every Frenchman will have read it with emotion.

"The heroism of the British Fleet and the Air Force are the admiration of their French brothers-in-arms and of the French people.

"The welcome given by Britain to French troops and French wounded being cared for in British hospitals has provided a new example of the comradeship between our two peoples.

"In the struggle now going on on the French front, where British and French soldiers of the Northern Army will fight once more side by side, the solidarity of our two countries and the ideals which they hold in common will be made manifest yet once more."—Reuter.

They were taken off in double-decker buses, which made every French squad laugh, as they were not used to them—and every chance to laugh was welcome.

When they arrived at their billets, they found the townsfolk busily determined to return that kindness which has been shown by two generations of French people to two B.E.F.s. This is the first time in modern history French troops have been on English soil in force.

Volunteer workers were on duty. Men laid fires and brought up supplies. Women boiled water in which the pollus washed and shaved. Others boiled water for tea, which the pollus drank valiantly and are reported to have "learned to like!"

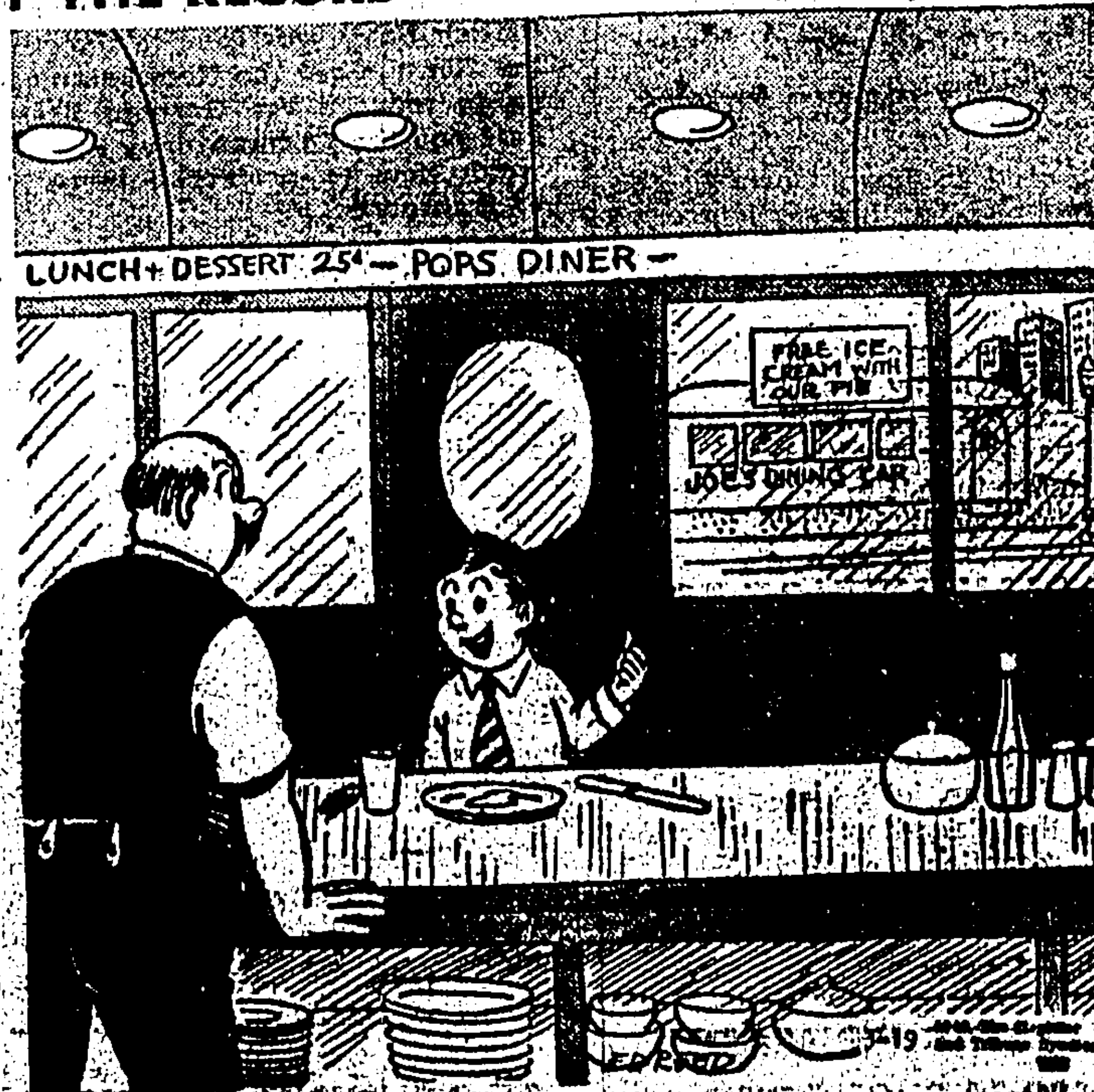
LETTERS HOME

Clean shirts, socks and under-wear had been collected and the clothes of the battle-stained men were given to volunteer laundresses.

In a short time, too, the French Army Post Office was busy with letters home. Most of the men, however, just wanted to lie down and look at the peaceful blue sky above them.—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

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"The men of the Air Force are waiting to fly machines. We must not fail them," the appeal says.—Reuter.

DUTCH REFUGEES FOR SOUTH AFRICA?

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary of the Dominions said in a Commons answer he understood the South African Government would be prepared to examine sympathetically any concrete proposals for giving asylum to Dutch refugees from the Nazi invasion of Holland. Certain proposals were at present under consideration but it was not yet possible to make a statement.—British Wireless.

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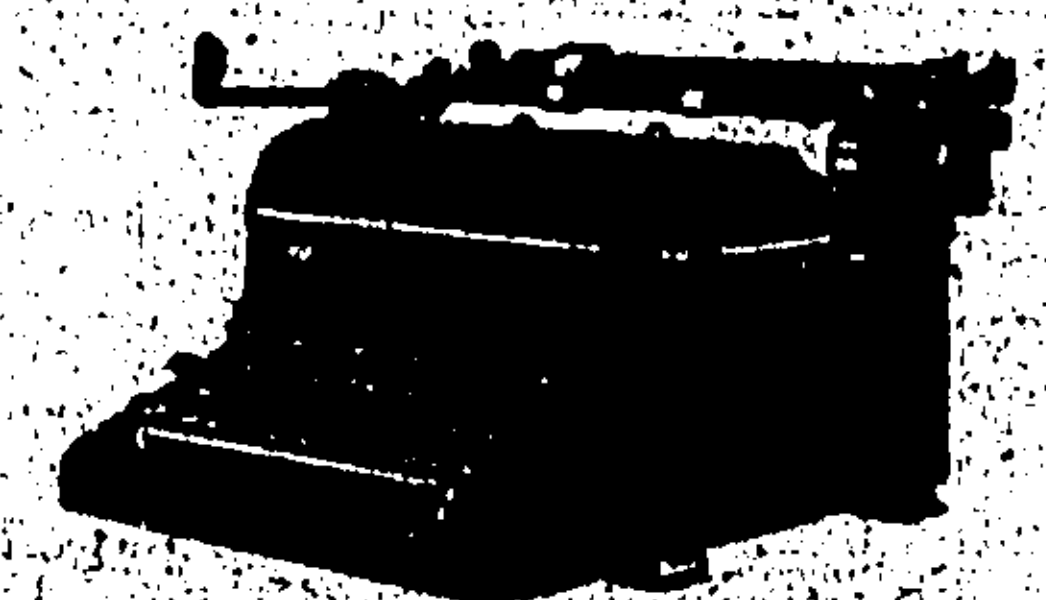
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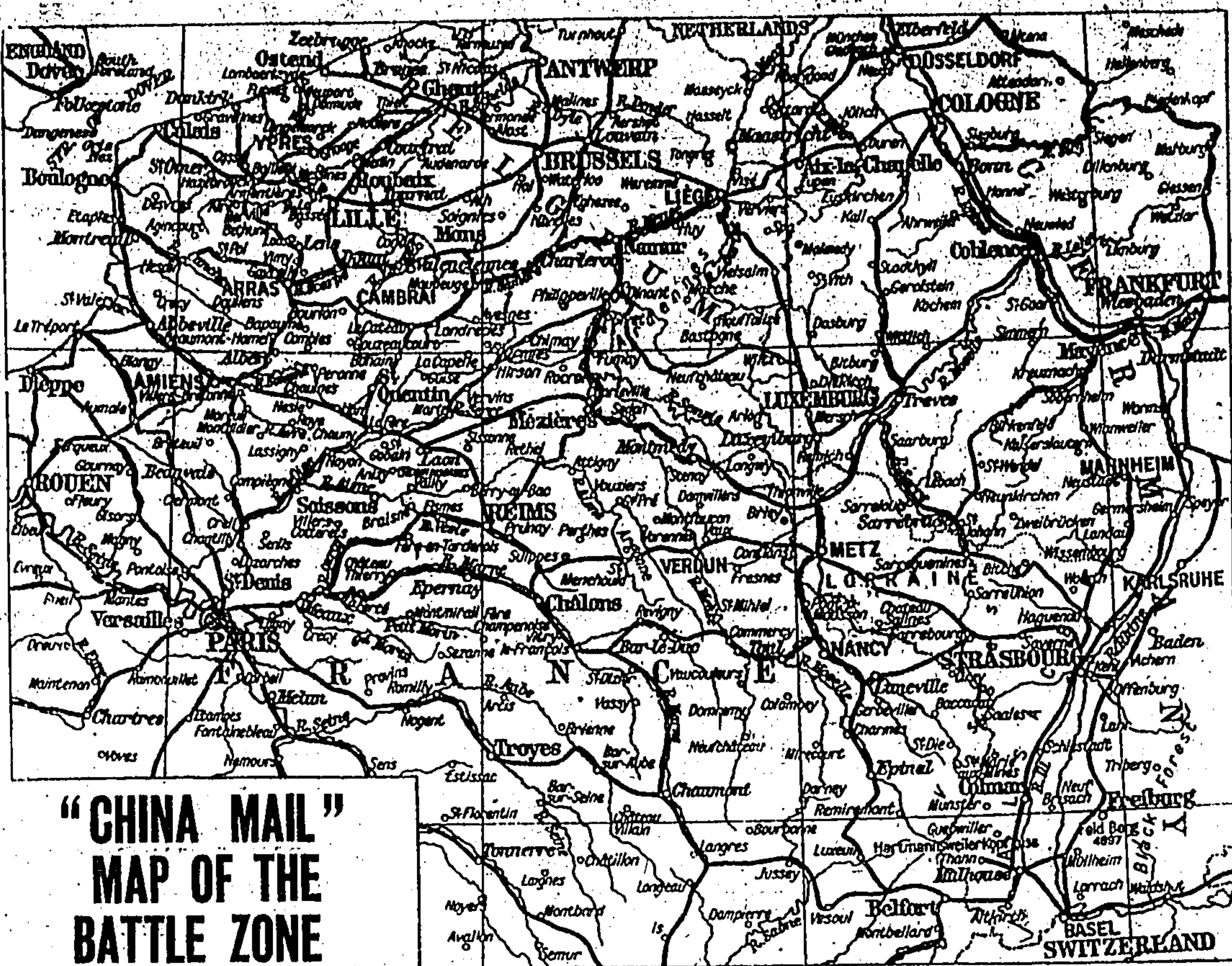
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The main weight of the new German offensive is being thrown against the zone between Peronne and Soissons.

2,500,000 GERMAN TROOPS ENGAGED IN THE BATTLE OF FLANDERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

INFORMATION RECEIVED IN LONDON IN REGARD TO THE BATTLE OF FLANDERS SUGGESTS THE GERMANS USED ABOUT 80 DIVISIONS ON THE FRONT OF ATTACK.

Of these 10 were armoured and five motorised and they were heavily engaged during the battle, in which they are believed to have suffered heavy losses.

It is calculated that the armoured divisions lost probably between one third to one half their strength but the maintenance of arrangements and organisation of the Germans are stated to have been extremely good, and they probably have a large number of reserve tanks.

It has been suggested that the German tanks would not last very long and would soon be immobilised but it is pointed out that they could last probably several thousand kilometres, and the distances covered in the Battle of Flanders were not very great, say 250 to 300 miles.

Feature of the battle was the efficiency and number of German pioneers, large numbers of whom appear to have been very much in the forefront of the battle.

Rubber Boats

As soon as a river was reached, they seem to have crossed in small rubber boats and established bridgeheads and pontoon bridges.

Casualties among the pioneers were also very high.

Regarded as surprising was the efficiency of the Germans in bringing up stores and arms required. It is pointed out that this was greatly helped by the utter ruthlessness and brutality of the Germans in carrying out these operations.

If there was a block on the road, anyone in the way was shot and if necessary run over. — Reuter.

Odd Inconsistency

London, To-day. It is estimated that about two and a half million men were thrown into the battle by the Germans and the comment is made that if casualties were really as low as stated by the enemy High Command, there was

really no need to have warned the German people that heavy lists were to be expected.

The requisition of various buildings at short notice for the use of hospitals, and the care being taken to keep wounded away from their own home areas, are regarded as significant signs that casualties were actually greater than the Nazi authorities expected. — British Wireless.

CANADIAN REFUGE FOR CHILDREN

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Thomas Crerar, Minister for Mines, announces plans have been completed for the fullest co-operation between the Canadian organisation for the reception of British and French refugee children if the Allied Governments approve their transfer to Canada. — Reuter.

ALL PARIS PRIMARY SCHOOLS CLOSED

Paris, To-day.

Following the bombing of Paris schools on Monday, the Government has decided to close all primary schools in the Paris region from Saturday. — Reuter.

The Naval Authorities state that as a precautionary measure Hong Kong Harbour was closed at 7 a.m. this morning. Normal traffic was resumed at 10.00 a.m.

PROSPECT OF NAZI INVASION

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Dag Nyhet" naval correspondent examines the possibilities of a successful repulsion of a German invasion of England.

First condition of a successful invasion is a large fleet of transports, and it is safe to say without hesitation that Germany could not send such a fleet across the Channel, assuming that the British Navy does its duty.

At the beginning of the war the British Navy was four to five times the German but the Norwegian campaign reduced the German fleet by half and the German navy is far too weak now to protect a large fleet of transports.

Germany has made great efforts to reduce the Allied naval superiority with submarines and aircraft but the correspondent points out that even if German claims regarding sinkings of Allied naval forces were correct, the Allies would only have lost 10 per cent. of their naval strength.

Naval Superiority

Thus, even these German claims, probably highly exaggerated, cannot alter the Allies' absolute naval superiority, and it is safe to say it is scarcely conceivable that a large scale invasion against England could be successful.

The Germans might land small forces by parachute but these are useless without reinforcements by sea. — Reuter.

ARGENTINE PROTEST REJECTED

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Germany has rejected Argentina's protest against the torpedoing of the Argentine steamer "Uruguay," according to Berlin dispatches published in the newspapers, which add that the Reich is issuing a counter-protest to the Argentine Government against "defamation and completely groundless suspicion." — Reuter.

HOPE FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF BATTLE

Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud, addressing the Army Commission of the Chamber yesterday afternoon, gave certain information on the German offensive which was launched at dawn along a 100-mile front and "gave reasons for hoping for a favourable outcome of the new battle," says an official communiqué.

M. Reynaud paid tribute to the heroism of the French troops and the high morale of the whole nation which was "resolved more than ever to fight to the end with their Allies for the liberty of the world." — Reuter.

AIR FORCE EXPANSION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A QUESTION WAS PUT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY BY COL. J. C. WEDGWOOD (LAB) ON THE DESIRABILITY OF BUILDING PLANES AND TRAINING PILOTS IN INDIA, CEYLON, PALESTINE, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE DUTCH EAST INDIES AND TRAINING PILOTS IN EGYPT.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, replied that the R.A.F. training organisation was being expanded on a considerable scale to meet further requirements.

A large number of flying training schools had already been opened or were in process of being established overseas in countries most suitable for the purpose.

Answering a supplementary question about Palestine, Sir Archibald said with regard to the acquisition of training grounds overseas, he was in communication with the Government departments concerned, but there were very great difficulties as far as Palestine was concerned. — Reuter.

WIN THE WAR RALLY

Melbourne, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, addressed an enormous audience at a "Win The War Rally" yesterday in an optimistic vein.

"The German tanks and bombers," he said, "which have been prepared for eight years, were thought to be irresistible, yet the Allies have held them up, proving that the spirit of man can defeat Frankenstein."

"We are still masters of the sea and we shall soon be able to say we are masters of the air." — Reuter.

AMERICAN ARMY INCREASE PROPOSED

Washington, To-day.

General Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, proposed in an interview yesterday that the Army's strength should be raised from its present figure of 230,000 to 400,000.

General Marshall revealed that the latest defence estimates which were submitted to Congress on Tuesday provided for the creation and equipment of four fully mechanised divisions, one of which already existed. — Reuter.

RUSSO-HUNGARIAN TRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day. A group of Hungarian economic experts has left for Moscow to discuss the resumption of economic contact between Hungary and Russia. — Reuter.

MASS R.A.F. RAIDS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN RHINELAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES THAT WHILE GERMAN RAIDERS ON TUESDAY NIGHT ATTACKED LE HAVRE FOR THE SECOND NIGHT IN SUCCESSION, HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F., PENETRATING DEEP INTO GERMANY, WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRYING OUT RAIDS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES OVER A WIDE AREA.

From shortly before midnight till early in the morning strong forces of British bombers raided over north-west Germany, setting oil storage plants ablaze, and wrecking rail communications at numerous centres from Dortmund in the north to Mannheim in the south.

Frankfurt, Dusseldorf and Cologne were among the great German cities attacked.

At Frankfurt a large oil storage depot was systematically bombed by relays of aircraft for 90 minutes.

Enemy columns were harassed and bombed without respite in the same region. Over sixty tons of bombs were dropped.

After the German attacks were launched, a formidable aerial battle developed in the course of which our fighters lent massive and magnificent support to the land forces with whom constant contact was maintained.

At the same time an attack of equal strength was directed against another important oil storage plant at Monheim, between Dusseldorf and Cologne.

The target was located by a parachute flare and bombed from varying heights. Numerous explosions were seen to break out in all parts of the target area and fires started by earlier attackers were constantly re-kindled by later arrivals.

Burning Strongly

Soon after midnight the greater part of this storage plant appeared to be ablaze and was burning strongly when the last of the attackers drew away.

Half an hour later a British raider returning from another mission passed close to the target and the crew saw a violent explosion, followed by fresh eruptions of flame and smoke.

Direct hits were also registered on an extensive oil storage plant near Mannheim when flames broke out and spread rapidly.

Following aircraft, guided to the objectives by the raging fires, completed the destruction of the plant.

Tanks Explode

An isolated group of tanks was seen to explode after two direct hits by salvos of heavy bombs. Streaming oil, ignited by incendiary bombs, became a mass of raging flames visible to aircraft flying more than 100 miles away.

Other valuable oil stocks near Dortmund and Dusseldorf were set alight and extensive damage done to railway tracks and rolling stock over a wide area.

Important marshalling yards at Essen, Dusseldorf and Wesel were heavily bombed, while at Cologne 70 bombs burst over the railway yard which was crowded with loaded wagons.

Intense Opposition

One British raider flying over Germany in the early hours of the morning found Olderlek aerodrome illuminated and night flying in progress.

All lights were extinguished by the first salvo of bombs that fell across the boundary of the landing ground.

In the second attack bombs dropped across one end of the aerodrome and the buildings were undoubtedly damaged.

Intense opposition from gun batteries

and searchlights was encountered in many parts of Germany throughout the night and several British aircraft suffered minor damage. All but one, however, returned to their bases.—Reuter.

THE FORD AIRCRAFT CLAIM

London, To-day.

Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Aircraft Production, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that British representatives in the United States had been instructed to investigate fully any proposition Mr. Henry Ford had to make regarding the production of aircraft.

Col. Llewellyn was replying to Commander O. S. Locker-Lampson (Cons.) He had seen a press report that Mr. Ford had stated his company could produce a thousand aircraft a day within six months.—Reuter.

BATA SHOE ORDER IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Bata Shoe Company and its 140 subsidiaries throughout the world, except six in Britain and those in the United States and any Allied country not overrun by Germany, has been placed on the Board of Trade black list as being a concern trading with the enemy.—Reuter.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION APPROVED

Washington, To-day.

The "transfer resolution" under which the United States will decline to recognise any change in ownership of possessions in the Western Hemisphere as a result of the European War has received the approval of the Foreign Affairs Committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives.—Reuter.

FRENCH AIR FORCE IN ACTION ON SOMME FRONT

Paris, To-day.

A FRENCH AIR MINISTRY communique says there has been great activity of our air force in the past 24 hours.

Our bomber aircraft attacked during the night important factories at Munich and Ludwigshafen, as well as the railway station at Mannheim.

Big fires were observed during these operations, in which several other railway stations and aerodromes were also attacked.

Exploiting information supplied by our reconnaissances, our bombers and fighters have given powerful support to our land forces since the beginning of the afternoon.

All French infantry and tank attacks were accompanied by our air force formations; moreover our light bomber aircraft displayed an ardent offensive spirit.

Roads Bombed

A certain number of planes sent to attack roads and points in the Peronne region succeeded despite particularly violent fighter activities in penetrating the barrage and dropping 15 tons of bombs on allotted points.

Apart from cutting communications the attackers put out of action an anti-aircraft battery and inflicted heavy losses on a motorised column. Great outbreaks of fire were observed all over the battlefield.

A very large number of enemy planes were brought down but it is as yet impossible to give the number.—Reuter.

Second Attack

London, To-day.

An American correspondent at Munich reports that the town was again raided on Tuesday night by planes believed to be French. This was the second successive attack.

In the Tuesday raid, three were killed at the Bavarian motor works,

which manufacture engines for German aircraft.—Reuter.

Roads Cut

Paris, To-day.

An Air Ministry communique states the activity of our air force was particularly heavy yesterday; our bomber squadrons attacked military objectives at Mannheim, Ulm, Ludwigshafen and Munich.

At Badisch an, anilin factory was

set on fire. The flames, which attained a great height, were clearly visible from the French frontier.

The Bavarian aero-engine factory at Munich was again bombed.

Our night bombers also violently attacked objectives of great importance in the region of St. Quentin, Peronne and Cambrai.

A railway station and several convoys were wiped out, roads were cut and communications entirely destroyed.—Reuter.

LORD ADDISON TO LEAD LABOUR PEERS

London, To-day.

A meeting of Labour Peers yesterday appointed Lord Addison their leader in succession to Lord Snell, who has been appointed Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ITALY ON THE BRINK?

It is not surprising that the remarkable language of Italian statesmen and Italian newspapers has been followed by measures of precaution on the part of the Allies. Whatever the immediate designs and purposes of Italian policy may be, it is impossible to disregard the bitter tone of those speeches or the warmth with which Germany's aims in Europe are applauded. The lengths to which Mussolini will go in displaying sympathy with the Nazis are revealed by the honour he has paid to Dr. Frank, the Governor of Poland, who has made his name more infamous than the name of Haynau, the butcher of Brescia, a century ago. When the Italian degree of Doctor of Law was conferred on him Dr. Frank spoke of Germany and Italy as about to give to the world "the final form of juridic culture." Thus this merciless despot is allowed to claim Italy as his accomplice. Italy is associated with a new barbarian invasion, for nobody who has studied these Assyrian methods in Poland and Czechoslovakia or the text of "Mein Kampf" or of other Nazi declarations of faith and policy can doubt that the Allies are defending the ideas of European civilisation. Those ideas are a complex of principles, of which some were given to the world by the Greeks, others by Christianity. The medium in which these principles were kept alive and handed down was the Roman Empire. One of the great services of that Empire to the world was its spirit and habit of tolerance, which enabled the new ideas of brotherhood to spread through a great part of Europe and thus aided the progress of Christian teaching. These are the ideas that are challenged by the Nazis, who set up a new religion

of race and blood, despise the weak and the poor, condemn certain peoples to perpetual subjection, and worship force and violence. This is the barbarian invasion of our time. For four centuries Italy, though the most cultivated of the peoples of Europe and in one sense the most mature, was the victim of superior power. France, Spain, and Austria all in turn indulged their ambitions at her expense. The Austrian hegemony lasted nearly a century and a half. (The two peoples who helped Italy most to put an end to it are the two peoples with whom Mussolini wishes to go to war.) Italy suffered because she was still politically divided when other peoples were forming great national units. If the Nazis gain their will a friendless Italy will live on the doorstep of a State that will exceed her in power and strength as greatly as France, Spain, or Austria exceeded Venice and Genoa in the old days. This is the position to which Italy will be reduced by a Nazi triumph. What, on the other hand, would be her position if she was ready to help to defend Europe and to co-operate in reform? Instead of holding her gains, whatever they may be, at the pleasure of a German neighbour she would be one of a group of peoples seeking to put an end to the anarchy and disorder of the world by constructive reorganisation. Her subtle intelligence, her quick imagination, would contribute to this reconstruction.

smoothing away the rivalries, maritime, colonial, economic, that vex the life of the world, to creating a future in which every self-respecting people would have its share and place in the noble tasks of civilisation. If Mussolini prefers the hope of booty held on a servile tenure it can only mean that his patriotism is blinded by vanity or ambition.—"Manchester Guardian."

HOME DEFENCE

No measure must be neglected which would make landings, or the concentration and the activities of troops after landing, more difficult. At present the authorities mainly concerned are the three Service Departments and the Ministry of Home Security. Clearly the urgent measures which they must all take must be co-ordinated—if a word with unfortunate associations but extreme applicability may be used. But it is not a case for coordination by committees or for merely adding an extra member to a team. Clearly some one person, with full powers, should be appointed at once to discharge this task. He has the instrument ready to his hand in the local authorities, who, in cooperation with anything which the military authorities may do, and with full regard to what the R.A.F. may desire, could be instructed at once to make all suitable landing places in their areas impossible for that purpose. This director of defence, or whatever title may be given him, must be a person possessing ample experience of air warfare, and the necessary personality to enforce his decisions without a moment's delay. There can be no leisurely planning and no lackadaisical action. Steps of the greatest value could

A MESSAGE FOR TO-DAY

"We're fighting for our lives"
 —so runs the cry.
 It is not true; not for our lives we fight.
 For, conquered, millions of us would not die,
 But still live on, beneath the conqueror's might;
 Live on, in our own country, ours no more;
 Amid old scenes, their meaning at an end;
 In servitude to all that we abhor,
 Sighing for all that we could not defend.
 To die or conquer is the soldier's lot.
 To us at home, a different choice is given—
 Either to strive (although we fire no shot)
 Each at his task, as he'er before we've striven;
 Or else, of land, laws, liberty bereft,
 To find our lives are all that we have left. M. S.

be taken within twenty-four hours, which might make the whole difference between the temporary success and the instant failure of any attempted landing. The citadel which these islands constitute cannot expect to escape the severest trials, but it can be kept inviolate, in spite of all past delays, by energetic hands. Deliberation, so often another name for dawdling; inertia, arising out of some conscious or unconscious feeling that life cannot really become very abnormal; conventions and time-wasting calculations—all these are things of the past. Those who cannot for any

reason take an active part should remain quiet and leave the field clear for those who can. Those who are already serving in some part of national defence should work even harder, as they have been asked to do; and every one capable of production for the war should be set to work as soon as means can be found to give him or her work. The nation has never been backward when it is told the truth, as the truth is being told to it to-day. But high hearts and matchless courage are not enough by themselves to counter the German technique. Machine must also counter machine, the aeroplane must counter the aeroplane, the gun one of a group of peoples seeking to counter the gun, and vigilance for all the purposes of war and of battle is now required without an hour's delay.—"The Times."

"SOMME, 1940"

May Well Be Biggest Battle Of All Time FIRST DAY GOES WELL FOR ALLIES

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FRENCH MILITARY CIRCLES CONSIDER THAT THE FIRST DAY OF WHAT MAY WELL BE THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF ALL TIME HAS DEVELOPED FAVOURABLY FOR THE ALLIES.

It is emphasised that the success attained by the German armoured divisions in previous fighting depended largely on surprise—an element which is now absent.

Allied aircraft are reported to have intervened energetically in yesterday's operations.

According to authoritative sources last evening the French troops are holding out against extremely heavy German attacks. It was stated it may be necessary to cede certain unimportant positions.

The Germans are throwing especially big forces against the French left wing on the Somme, where they have established three bridgeheads south of the river.

According to the latest available information the attack is being pressed with infantry, artillery and aircraft.

Some German tanks were also thrown into action in the afternoon.

The three principal points of attack were Amiens, Peronne and the Ailette canal, north of Soissons.

Reports from all three points showed that at the close of the afternoon the French positions remained intact.

New Defence System

The Germans are for the first time encountering the new French anti-tank defences, which consist of successive points of support solidly held and deeply spaced.

These depend on improved natural obstacles such as waterlines, rows of pits, abandoned villages which have been specially fortified and thick woods bristling with anti-tank guns.

Between these support points it is doubtless possible for tanks to penetrate but any such infiltration serves little purpose if German infantry as well as vital supplies for the tanks themselves are unable to follow.

Latest Communiqué

A French communiqué issued last evening said the battle had become more intense in the region of Amiens, Peronne and Ailette.

The enemy has brought into action important forces, particularly tanks and aircraft.

On the whole, these attacks have been held. Our troops, even when passed by tanks, resist energetically at points of support occupied by them and maintain their positions.—Reuter.

British Troops In Line

London, To-day.

It is learned in authoritative circles in London that British troops are participating with the French in the battle which opened yesterday on the Somme.

Certain armoured vehicles appeared on both sides of Amiens but at present there is nothing to suggest a great armoured attack.—Reuter.

Drive In Soissons Zone

London, To-day.

A French spokesman says that violent artillery bombing was followed up with dive bombing and massed infantry attacks, although, at the moment, the Germans do not seem to be using their tanks to any extent.

Most of this front follows the Somme valley. From the coast, the French control the southern bank.

At Amiens, the valley is narrow and marshy and there is a double-waterline, as the Somme canal follows the river. The southern slopes form a kind of rampart.

Towards Soissons, there is an interval of 12 miles between the Somme and the Oise, and this is the scene of the heavier fighting. It is the region of previous threats aimed at Paris.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC SCENE AT OLD BAILEY

London, To-day.

Udham Singh, charged with the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer at Caxton Hall, was sentenced to death at Old Bailey yesterday.

Udham Singh testified he went to the Caxton Hall meeting to protest against the difficulty he had about getting a passport, and also against the alleged treatment of Indians by the British Government.

He intended to fire the revolver at the ceiling but somebody pushed him and his hand was knocked down. He never intended murder. In the course of the proceedings it was revealed that Udham had been on hunger strike for 42 days in custody.

The jury considered the verdict for 100 minutes and found Udham guilty of murder.

When the judge passed sentence, Udham thumped the dock rail with his clenched fist and spat into the court.—Reuter.

MUSSOLINI TO DECLARE HIMSELF?

Rome, To-day.

It is reported that Mussolini will address the nation from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia this evening (Thursday).

The new German offensive is announced in enormous headlines on the front pages of the evening newspapers.

"Stampa" comments: "The French cannot win."

"Lavoro Fascista" ridicules the Maginot Line.—Reuter.

AIR RAID ALARMS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The air raid alarm sounded in the central region of France at 1.20 yesterday afternoon; enemy bombers dropped bombs on a number of objectives and French fighters ascended.

The alarm also sounded in the west central region from 2 p.m. to 3.03 p.m.

The air raid in central France caused little damage, according to reports so far received: One German plane was brought down.

The air raid warning lasted till 3.05 p.m. — Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Cabinet has resigned; M. Reynaud, the Premier, has been entrusted with the formation of a new Government.

In addition to retaining the Premiership, M. Reynaud has announced he will also assume the portfolios of Foreign Affairs and National Defence. The resignation was announced after the Council of Ministers which met at the Elysee Palace at 11 o'clock last night.

M. Daladier, followed by his colleagues, left the Elysee at midnight after which the resignation was made known.

M. Reynaud continued to confer with President Lebrun till an early hour this morning.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, is to make a broadcast speech at 8 o'clock this evening (Thursday).—Reuter.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

London, To-day.

The following have been appointed Privy Counsellors:—Mr. B. Bracken M.P., Mr. R. H. Cross M.P., Mr. Hugh Dalton M.P., Sir Charles Edwards M.P., Sir Percy Harris M.P., Sir Walter Citrine and Sir Robert Vansittart.—Reuter.

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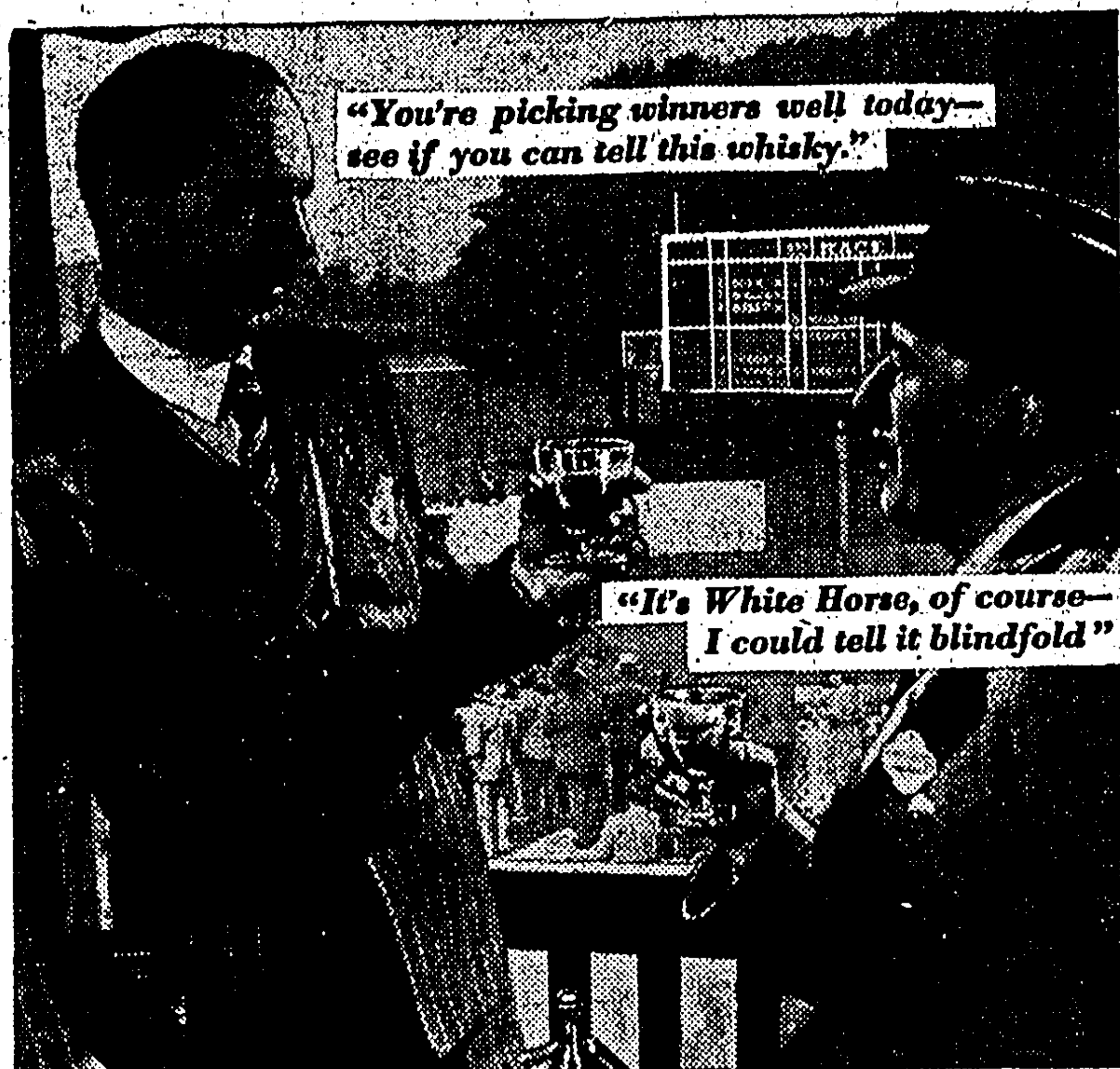
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An official of the American Consulate-General informed the "China Mail" this morning that arrangements have been made to send Miss Paula Richards back to Manila second class. She will be placed on board this evening under police escort.

No arrangements have yet been made in connection with Ed. Williams, it is understood.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Saying that he attacked the girl with a knife with the intention of getting a watch from her waist because he had had no food, Chan Cheung, 22, was committed to trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

He was charged with assault with intent to rob and with wounding Miss May Chau, 18-year-old student of Pooi To Girls' School.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, who prosecuted, said the incident occurred at 9.30 a.m. last Saturday in Peace Avenue when Miss Chau was on her way from the school dormitory to School in Kwong Wah Street.

She sensed that someone was behind her, and turning round saw accused with a knife in his hand. She shouted and accused stabbed her on the arm and ran away. He admitted that he intended to steal her watch when he answered the charge.

The School was not far from the Dormitory and a member of the teaching staff, who heard the alarm, ran out and caught the accused.

After evidence, accused was committed.

HAPPY VALLEY SNATCHING

Miss Chigoff, of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, Shan Kwong Road, was the victim of a snatching case in Happy Valley yesterday.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Wong Sik, 20, was charged and Det. Sergeant J. Bentley said that at about 6.10 p.m., Miss Chigoff was walking towards her home in Shan Kwong Road when defendant snatched her bag containing \$100.

A mafioo gave chase and arrested the defendant.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

A similar sentence was imposed on Chan Chiu, 22, for snatching a purse from a Chinese woman Tang Fung at Lockhart Road yesterday.

Leung Yee, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, for snatching a handbag from a young woman in Canal Road West yesterday.

Charged with wounding Au Chau-wo, Kam Pat, 25, was fined \$25 or one month's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, stated that the parties had an argument over a gambling debt. Accused attacked Au with a chopper.

WANCHAI ROAD RAID

BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, TWO WOMEN, CHAN YUET-HO, 33, AND LEUNG SING, 40, WERE CHARGED WITH KEEPING A COMMON GAMING HOUSE IN WANCHAI ROAD, YESTERDAY.

Twenty were charged with gambling on the premises.

Mr. B. C. Hobbs pleaded not guilty on behalf of the first and second defendants.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I. (C), for the prosecution, said that Chan Yuet-ho was actually the wife of Police Sergeant No. A166 Jessop, and he asked the Court to amend the name in the charge sheet to Mrs. Jessop, alias Chan Yuet-ho.

Four gamblers were fined \$5 each, while 15 others, who were absent, had bail of \$10 estreated.

Hearing was fixed for June 14 at 12.15 p.m. Defendants were released on bail of \$100 each.

It was alleged that dice was being played on the premises.

EMBEZZLEMENT SENTENCE

Pleading guilty through his solicitor, Mr. F. E. Nash, to embezzlement of \$1,402 from his employer, the Chung Yung Auto Accessory Company, between February 1 and May 29, Tai Sik-ling, 29, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

Mr. Nash stated that since the discovery of the embezzlement, accused had refunded \$600 through his relatives.

The Magistrate promised to reconsider the sentence if accused made a further refund within the next fortnight.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Det.-Sgt. Bethel, accused was entrusted with the charge of the firm during the absence of the manager. He converted various sums of money for his own benefit.

JAPANESE LAUNCH ANOTHER WARSHIP

Tokyo, To-day. Another addition was made to the Japanese navy yesterday afternoon when the new warship Tsungaru was successfully launched at the naval arsenal at Yokosuka.

Following the launching, Admiral Oikawa, commander-in-chief of the naval station at Yokosuka and former commander-in-chief in China, addressed those present: "It is a matter of sincere congratulation that another addition has been made to the fleet of floating castles which dominates the rough Pacific Ocean." — Reuter.

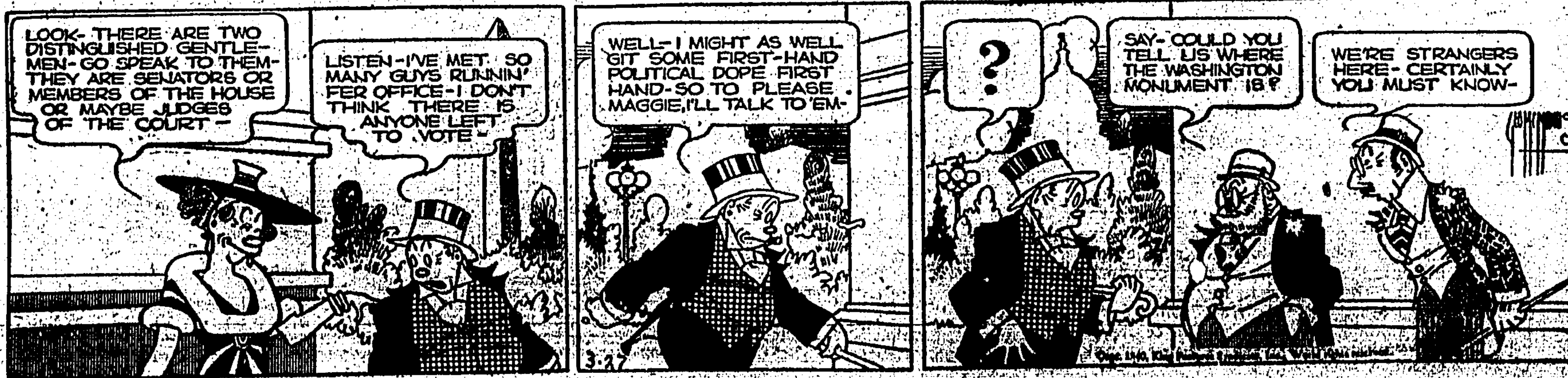
TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mrs. D. F. Forrester, residing in Stanley Beach Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Chater Road, on May 14. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mrs. E. G. Stewart, of the St. Paul's College Hostel, was fined \$5 for leaving her car unattended in Chater Road on May 18.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



COOPERATIVES SET UP FOR MUNITIONS

London, To-day.
A meeting of several hundred garage owners in London yesterday set up a committee to co-operate with the Institution of Motor Engineers in preparing munitions and aircraft components.

The Institution suggest the division of the country into 17 areas of collection of suitable machine tools. The scheme is planned on a co-operative basis. —Reuter.

SEARCH FOR FORTUNE IN SILVER

Shanghai, To-day.
Hope of salvaging \$150,000,000 worth of silver embedded in the I-Kiang near Chengtu is rising higher as progress is being made by the salvage company there, says the "Ta Wan Pao."

The silver is said to have been buried in the river by Chang Hsien-chung, notorious Chinese bandit, when he retreated to Szechuen with his plunder. Salvage work with the aid of up to date apparatus is now being carried on and results are expected before long, the report concludes. —Reuter.

JAPANESE IN TRAINING AS PARACHUTISTS

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese are training parachute troops, according to reports received here from Chinese sources.

It is stated several thousand Japanese troops are being drilled as "parachutists" in Hankow, Nanchang, Sing-tze, Hefei and Nanking.

General Chang Fah-kwei, famous leader of the Chinese "Ironsides," and now in Kwangtung, is said to have received orders to prepare counter-measures against parachutists. — Reuter.

20 PLANES DOWNED AT NARVIK

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Stockholm, To-day.
Twenty German planes have been brought down in attacks on Narvik in the last few days.

Nazi planes have sunk about 30 vessels in Narvik harbour, of which six were Swedish. The docks have been destroyed and railway tracks badly damaged.

The civilian population is evacuating, fearing Narvik may be razed to the ground like Bodoe. —Havas.

GERMAN ASSETS IN BELGIUM

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces the Allies were able to remove all stocks of radium and cobalt from Belgium and most of the stocks of petrol were destroyed.

Many other articles were also destroyed but the steel industry and iron ore mines in Belgium and Luxembourg may not have been too heavily damaged yet, although the latter country's mines are still within range of French guns.

It is probable that large stocks of gold and securities in private hands in Holland and Belgium have fallen into German hands, and steps have been taken to prevent their realisation in other countries. Most of the Dutch petroleum stores have been destroyed and most of the Dutch ship-building industry met a similar fate. —Reuter.

TEN-MILE ADVANCE AT NARVIK

Stockholm, To-day.

A new advance of nearly 10 miles along the iron ore railway from Narvik towards Sweden has brought the Allied forces to Sildvik, where the retreating Germans are in strongly entrenched positions, says the "Afton-bladet" correspondent on the Lapland border.

The railway is being bombarded by naval and field artillery from positions on the heights of Narvik.

The Allies are closing in on Bjoern-fjell and a final assault on this position appears imminent. — Reuter.

AMBASSADOR STILL MISSING

London, To-day.

There is still no news of the whereabouts of Sir Launcelot Oliphant, British Ambassador in Belgium.

The military attache, Lieutenant-Colonel F.A.A. Blake, and the Assistant Commercial Attache, Mr. K. E. Mackenzie, are also still missing.

With these exceptions the staff of the British Embassy in Brussels are all known to be safe. —British Wireless.

GERMAN CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

German casualties announced by the German High Command are regarded as a considerable understatement, and authoritative circles express the opinion that the correct figure is in the region of half a million.

Infantry divisions must have suffered very heavily as did parachutists and airborne troops. —British Wireless.

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MOBILISATION OF BRITAIN'S LABOUR RESOURCES

London, To-day.

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, DEPUTY LEADER of the House, announced in the Commons that the Ministry of Labour had made an order regulating the engagement of workers in the engineering and building industries and of male workers in agriculture and coal mining.

Object of the order is to enable labour resources to be directed to points where the needs are most urgent.

SOUTH AFRICA APPLAUDS B.E.F. FEAT

London, To-day.

Congratulations have been cabled to Mr. Winston Churchill by General Smuts, South Africa's Premier, on the feat of successful withdrawal from Flanders.

General Smuts' message ran: "On behalf of the Government and people of the Union I wish to convey to you our sincerest congratulations on the unparalleled feat of evacuating the entire B.E.F. from Dunkirk in the face of vastly superior forces."

"The Army, Navy and Air Force shared in a performance, of which South Africa, with the rest of the Commonwealth, is justly proud, and South Africans salute their British comrades on a triumph which we trust and pray will presage the final victory."

Mr. Churchill has telegraphed his thanks to General Smuts for his encouraging words.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE EASIER

London, To-day.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, industrials improved early on Sir Kingsley Wood's announcement that the Dividend Limitation Bill would be dropped.

The gains were not fully held owing to lack of support in late trading.

Gilt-edged were unchanged to fractionally easier. Other groups were generally slightly lower. Wall Street: easy.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN OFFER

Canberra, To-day.

Mr. Thorby, the Minister of Health, has proposed that Australia should establish an organisation to care for sick and wounded Allied soldiers in order to relieve British hospitals.—Reuter.

The order, which was issued under the Emergency Powers Regulation, comes into effect as from June 10.

The order makes it an offence for an employer to engage a man otherwise than through an employment exchange or through an approval Trade Union arrangement, or to engage a man normally employed in any of those trades for work in other trades.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, announced he had received the support of both Unions and employers in issuing the new order. He hopes in a few days to announce the creation of an Industrial Board to advise him upon problems arising from the big transfer of population which may be involved.—Reuter.

BOMBING OF HOSPITAL SHIPS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY, SAID THAT SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, NINE BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS HAD BEEN BOMBED, SHELLED OR MACHINE-GUNNED BY THE GERMANS.

They had been attacked despite the vessels' distinctive and unmistakable markings.

Some were bombed more than once. The "Atlantis" was bombed five times in Norwegian waters.

The only one to be sunk was the "Paris" which went down on June 2, but the "Brighton" was holed and ran aground, and "The Maid of Kent" was set on fire.—Reuter.

ALLIED CONTROL OF VITAL PRODUCTS

London, To-day.

Allied colonial empire co-ordination has given us virtual control of world production of nickel, jute, shellac, coir, groundnuts, rubber, tin, diamonds, palm oil, sisak, kapok, tea and many tanning materials, while we have a high measure of control over mica, copra and wool.—Reuter.

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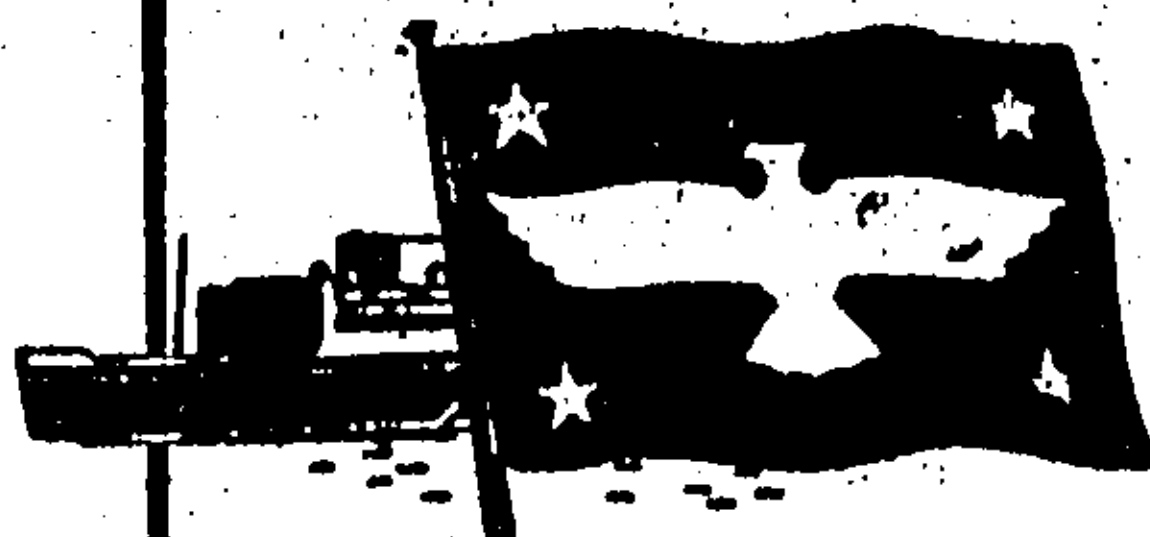
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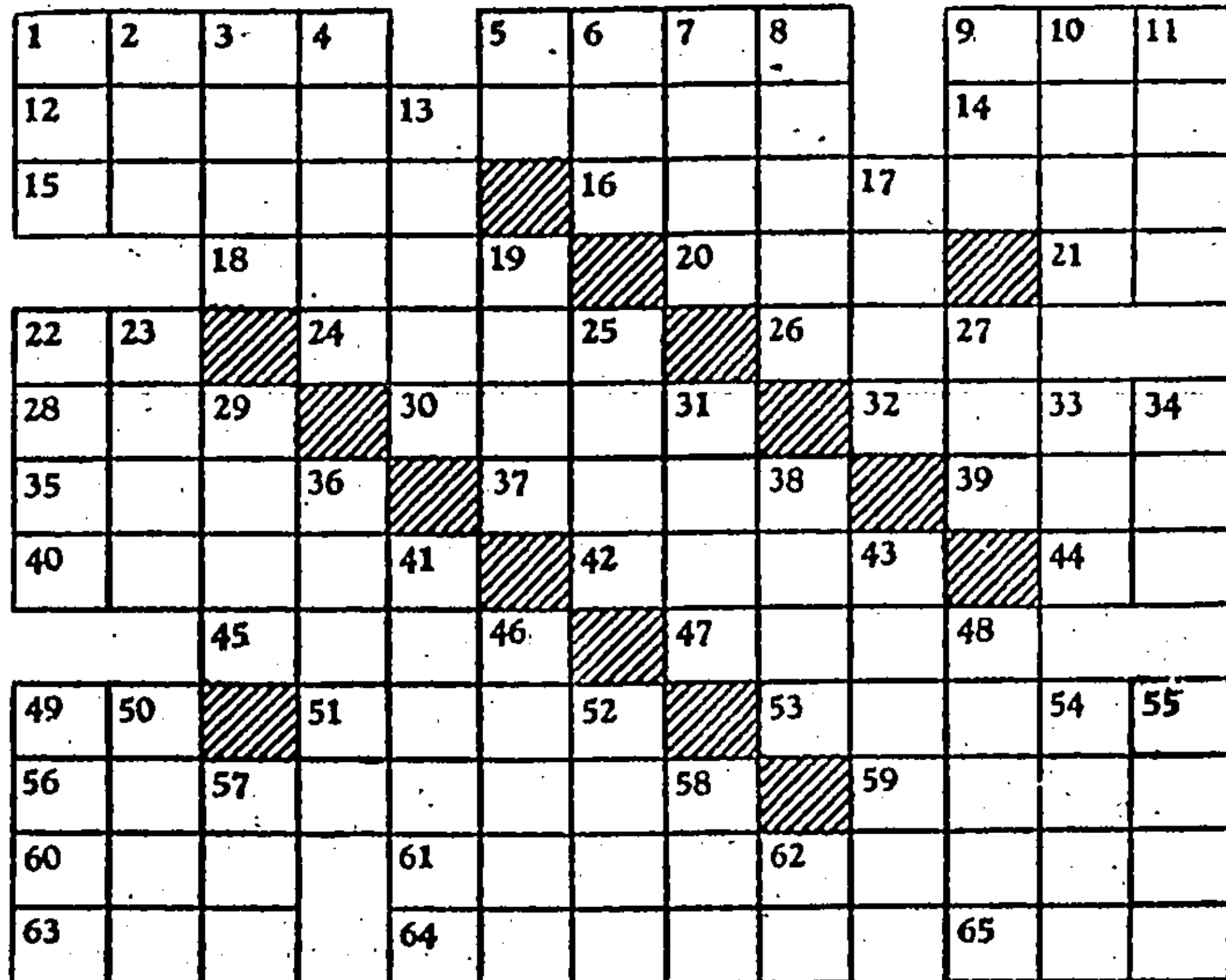
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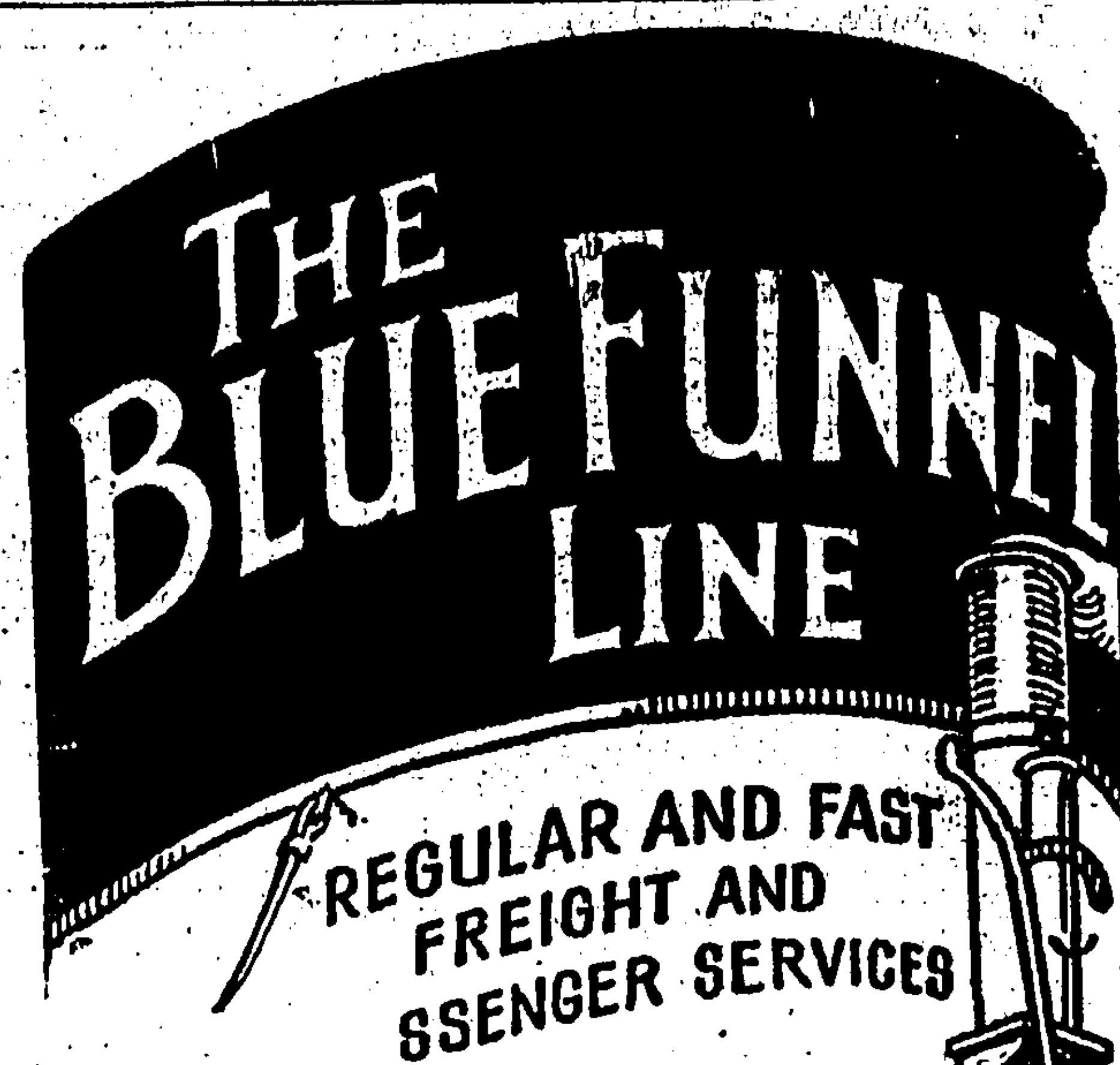
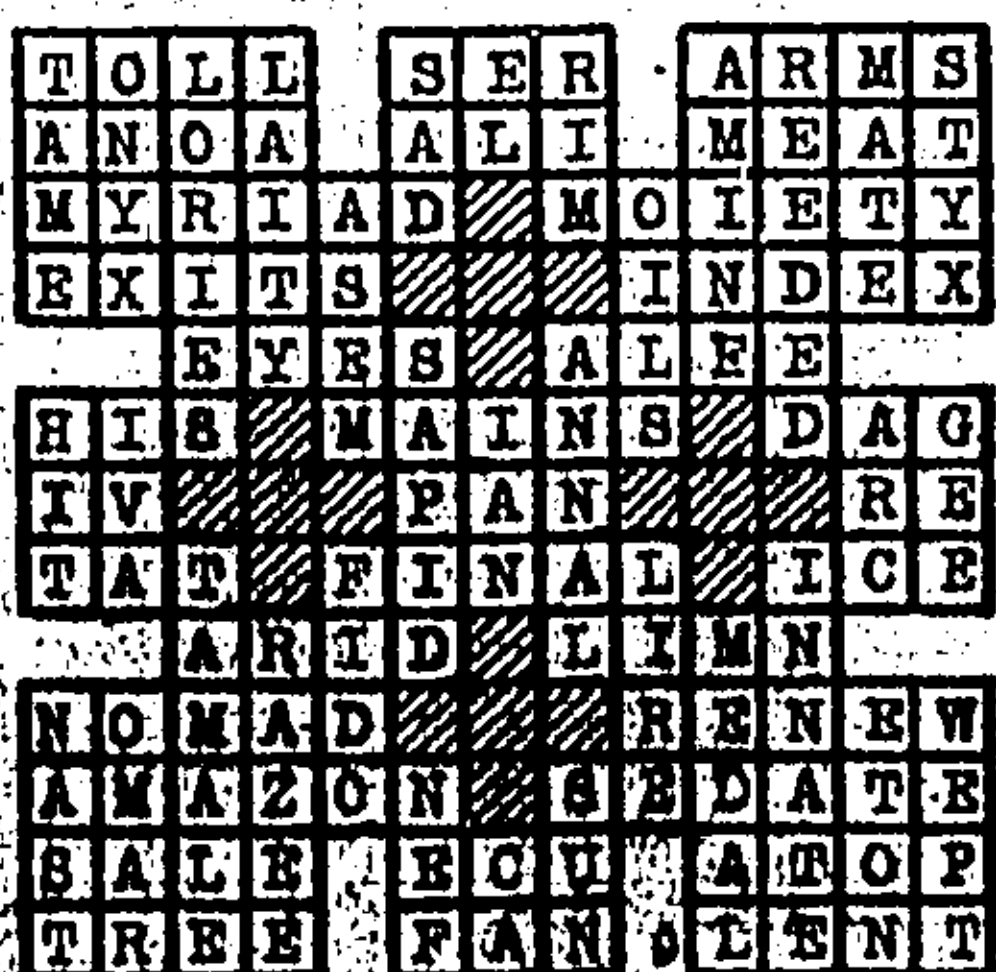
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In spite of a fall of just over \$12,000 in traffic receipts, the profit for the year at \$35,567.02 is only \$4,479.35 less than the previous year. I think under the circumstances this can be considered satisfactory. The drop in traffic receipts is practically all confined to first class casual traffic, and is no doubt due to the reduced tourist traffic caused by unsettled conditions.

On the debit side of profit and loss account you will note maintenance and repairs is less by over \$6,000, but that all other items are very similar to the previous year.

Wire ropes have been giving better service recently and this fact accounts mainly for reduced maintenance costs. At the moment we have four new ropes in stock besides the two in service, so that unless anything unforeseen occurs, these should be sufficient to last us for at least another two years.

Turning to the balance sheet you will note that amount owing to our bankers is, in round figures, \$17,000 less, but as all other figures under the different headings differ very little from the previous year I do not propose to comment on them.

The lease of the workshop, to which reference was made from the chair last year, was renewed by Government, but with the same restrictive clause. Government did offer to

STRAGGLERS STILL ARRIVING FROM DUNKIRK

London, To-day.

FURTHER TROOPS CAME straggling across the Channel yesterday from Dunkirk, and some of them had remarkable stories to tell.

One boat-load of 68 Frenchmen was at sea for 24 hours. None of them knew how to navigate, but they took a chance in preference to being taken prisoner.

remove the restriction and permit the erection of a small cafe above, but as their terms for this concession were considered too high, the offer was declined and the cafe scheme has been abandoned.

The passing of the war revenue ordinance has made it necessary that provision be made to meet this tax and this is reflected in the increased amount it is proposed to carry forward.

I now propose that the report and statement of accounts be adopted and that the following allocation of profits be passed.

Pay a dividend of 6 per cent. on 25,000 shares Fully Paid Up	\$15,000.00
Pay a dividend of 6 per cent. on 50,000 share \$5.00 Paid Up	15,000.00
And carry forward	28,452.82
	\$58,452.86

The resolution was passed unanimously. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. D. L. Newbigging were re-elected directors, while Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors.

On approaching the English coast, they ran out of petrol and water, and drifted about until they met a life-boat which was itself returning from Dunkirk.

A French artillery officer described how his party fired their guns—the famous 75's—until they ran out of ammunition. They destroyed the guns and retreated to the beach, where they got into a boat. They were machine-gunned from the shore but got away, taking turns at the single pair of oars. They tried to find their way by means of a pocket compass, and on Tuesday night cruised about for some time until they found someone to guide them.

"FERRY SERVICE"

It is pointed out in London that when owners of motor craft were asked to register, 1,400 letters were received in three days. When the time came, they were called up and off they went to Dunkirk to carry off the troops from the beaches to the transport ships.

Some of the boats even formed a sort of ferry-service between Dunkirk and England.

Among them, in addition to Dutch and Belgian fishermen, were two men who crossed the Channel in a river canoe fitted with a small engine.—Reuter.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

London, To-day.

It was announced last night: "The King has approved the appointment of Sir Richard Stafford Cripps to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Moscow."

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated in the Commons that the Government had asked the Soviet Government for agreement to the appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps in succession to Sir William Seeds.

No official reply, said Mr. Butler, had yet been received by our charge d'affaires at Moscow but it appeared from the official Soviet Government statement that the Soviet Government accepted the appointment.—British Wireless.

FRENCH ARMY PLAYS PART OF HEROES

London, To-day.

The highest praise of the discipline of the French troops who held Dunkirk to the end is given by British naval observers who were among the last to leave.

It was almost impossible, they stated, to make the French troops break military formations. If there was only room on a ship for half a company the whole unit preferred to stay behind and had to be persuaded to leave.

The general bearing of these troops, naval observers say, was as if they were on parade.—British Wireless.

THE RAINS CAME—AGAIN

Rainfall during the last 24 hours totalled .91 of an inch, bringing the total for the year to 16.41 inches above normal.

Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins and over the lower Yangtse Valley; it is relatively low over Indo-China, the China Sea and the western Carolines. The northern depression is probably situated near Hokkaido.

RECORD OUTPUT BY H. K. MINES

Hong Kong Mines output during May was a record amounting to 5404 short dry tons of ore treated, from which 646.25 dry tons of Lead Concentrates were produced, averaging as follows:—

Lead 46.05 per cent, Silver 13.70 oz. per short ton., Gold 0.03 oz. per short ton.

X-RAYED 14 TIMES for STOMACH TROUBLE

Despair fixed its cruel grip firmly in the life of Mr. G. E. L. Far worse than the stomach pain he suffered was the fearful uncertainty as to what was wrong, and whether even, greater suffering would follow. Happily for him he took the simple course that drove this nightmare right away.

"I have been a great sufferer with internal trouble for some years," writes Mr. G. E. L. "Last September I was taken worse and ordered to hospital for X-Rays. Within 10 days I was X-Rayed 14 times, and nothing could be traced." The next step he took in this extremity changed his despair into joy. He continues—"I was beginning to give up all hope, until I decided to try Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. Two days after I took the first dose I returned to work, and I have continued ever since. I would never be without Maclean Brand Stomach Powder in the house or a few tablets in my pocket."

That is an example every stomach sufferer should follow. It is important to ask for MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder, which is only genuine if it has the signature "ALEX. C. MACLEAN" on bottle and carton.

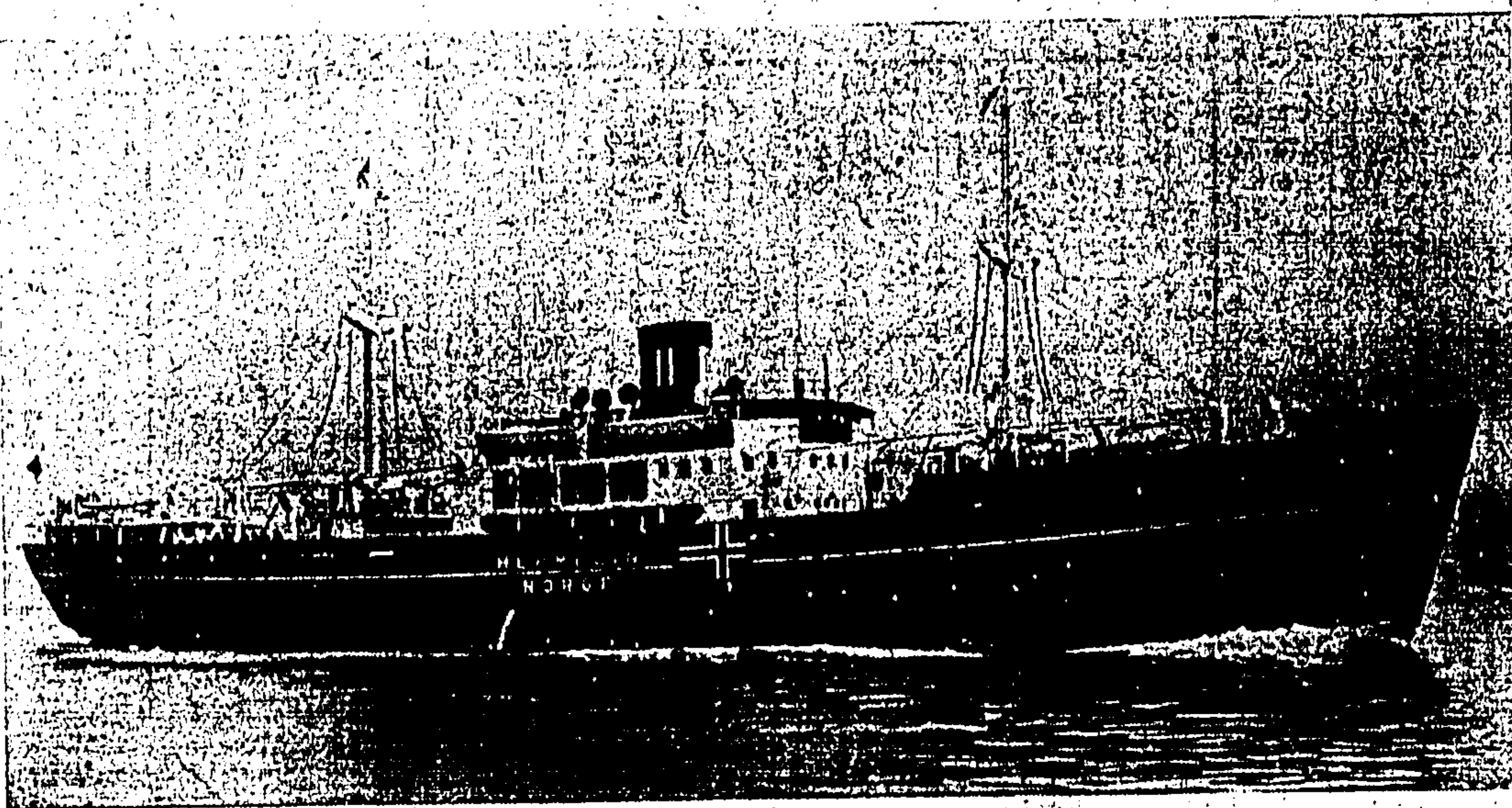
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The M.V. "Hermelin," recently built by the Kowloon Dock on her trials. The engines which give the vessel a speed of 12 knots loaded, were built and installed at Kowloon Docks.

"LET'S SEE THE LIES," SAYS MR. DUFF COOPER

London, To-day.

AT COMMONS QUESTION time yesterday Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) asked the Minister of Information why his department "continually issues for publication German official communiques containing false claims of successes of a most extravagant character, as by giving official approval to the publication of these statements the department is assisting in spreading false reports, against which action ordinary people are continually being warned."

Vice-Admiral E. A. Taylor (Cons) called the attention of the Minister of Information to a German High Command communique passed for publication on May 30 regarding the condition and casualties of the British forces said to be engaged in the process of evacuation.

Vice-Admiral Taylor suggested the Minister in future prevent the circulation of false news in this way. Replying to both questions simultaneously, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper said: "It is not the policy of the Ministry of Information to prevent the publication of German official communiques, the falsity of which has so often been proved that they should now be universally discredited."

"Any alteration in that policy at the present time might be misinterpreted both in this country and elsewhere."

Let's See The Lies

Mr. A. C. Reed (Cons) suggested the Government insist that newspapers and others who publish German communiques make it clear in big letters that it is false information from Germany.



Mrs. Newpokes can't get used to her new penthouse abode—for so many years she had to worry about a roof over her head that it's upsetting to have it under foot.

EIRE TO FIGHT INVADERS

Dublin, To-day.

An invasion of Ireland will be resisted to the limit, declared Mr. Dillon, deputy leader of the Finegal Party, in the Dail yesterday.

"Submission by Ireland to invasion by a belligerent power would involve counter-invasion by other powers."

"The country would be turned into a bloody battlefield and our people destroyed between the contending forces."

Mr. Dillon, who was speaking on the Defence Forces Bill, which was passed unanimously, added the suggestion that Ireland should pursue the expedient adopted by Denmark was both ignoble and disgraceful.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Oscar Traynor, urged the people of Ireland to show they are prepared to defend Ireland to the death.

He concluded: "If Ireland dies, very few of us would want to live." — Reuter.

Mr. Duff-Cooper: "They always make it perfectly plain and we cannot make it plainer."

Mr. J. Wilmot (Lab.) asked what public interest was served by giving wide publicity to German falsehoods.

Mr. Duff-Cooper replied the Government's view was to allow the British public to read German lies and see what lies they tell.—Reuter.

EDISON TO RUN FOR GOVERNORSHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, has resigned and will run for the Governorship of New Jersey. President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation, which is effective on June 24.—Havas.

AMERICA CURBING HER RADIO AMATEURS

Washington, To-day.

The Federal Communications Commission has forbidden radio amateurs to communicate with amateurs in foreign countries. A spokesman of the Commission said that the move was due to the European War.—Reuter.

ANOTHER MIRACLE OF EVACUATION

London, To-day.

While nearly a thousand ships were employed in bringing the Allied armies across the sea, 186 trains comprising nearly 2,000 vehicles distributed the troops to various parts of England in 620 train journeys.

Arrangements for this vast transportation were made in less than seven hours and the movement of trains was entirely directed by telephone. Most of the work fell upon Mr. H. E. O. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Southern Railway, who yesterday paid a tribute to the work of all concerned.

"Co-operation between every department on our railway was perfect," he said, "and that perfection remained throughout the whole arrangements. Without this co-operation, not only departmental but between all the railway companies, nothing could have been done."

Worked To Standstill

The movement went on day and night for eight days, Mr. Wheeler continued, and there was not a single derailment or engine failure. High praise was paid to the trains staff who "worked themselves to a standstill."

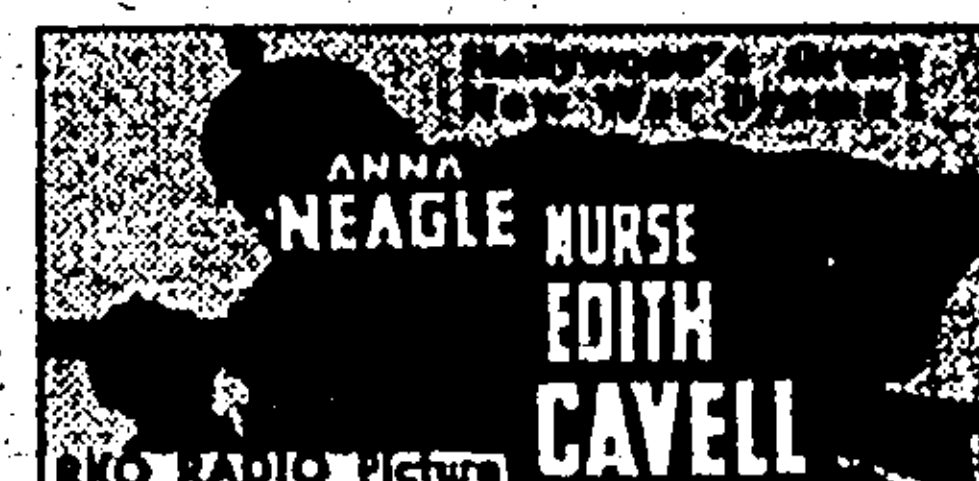
The feeding of the tired and hungry troops was arranged at specified halts and one man was overheard to say he had never eaten so much in his life before.—British Wireless.

LEAVE FOR B.E.F.

London, To-day.

The War Office announces the grant of short term leave to B.E.F. personnel recently returned from France.—British Wireless.

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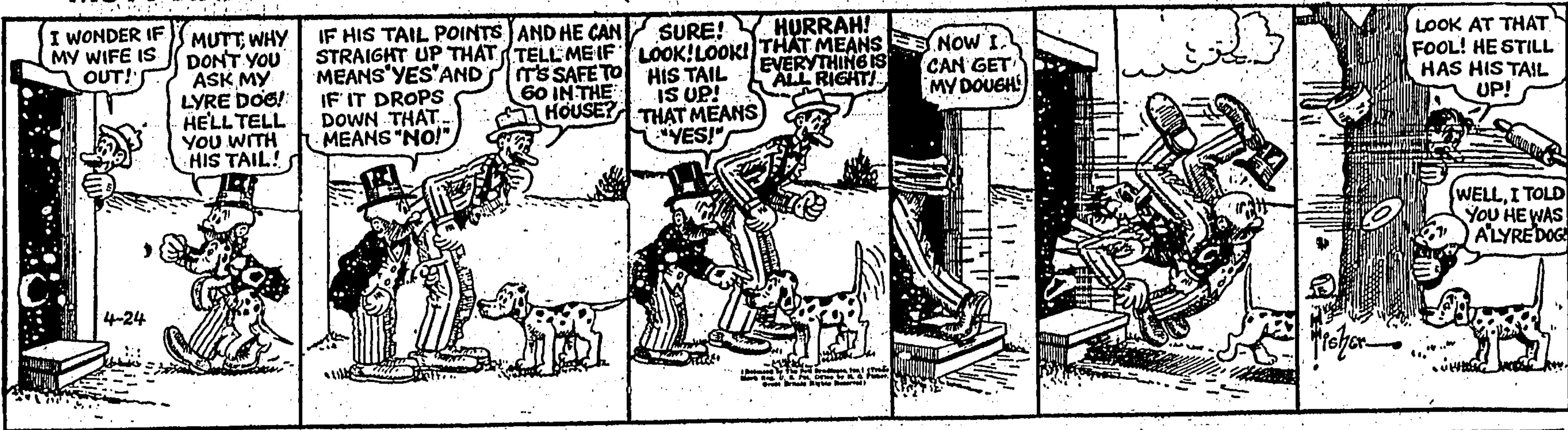
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BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S



"Vive la France"
and Other
London Relays

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.
Oh! Rock Me, Julie; Oh! Didn't It Rain (arr. Burleigh).
Git On Board, Lil' Chillun; Dere's No Hidin' Place (arr. Lawrence Brown).
Since You Went Away (Johnson).
Wid De Moon, Moon, Moon (Cook).
...Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accomp.
7.00 p.m.—Tudor Davies (Tenor) in a Light Orchestral Programme.
Christmas — Overture (Coleridge-Taylor).
Lane Wilson Melodies. Intro: When dull care; Phyllis has such charming graces; The Sailor's Life; My lovely Celia; Come, Let's be merry.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

...Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Onaway! Awakel Beloved ('Hiawatha'—Coleridge-Taylor) ... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orch.
Petite Suite De Concert (Coleridge-Taylor) ... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Jazz-Plano Recital by Doreen Ma.
8.20 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

Cinema Memories—Medley; Free (from 'O-Kay for Sound'); Night Must Fall (film 'The Tenth Man').
8.35 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems (Balfe)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"The Gypsy Princess"—Selection (Kalman)... De Groot & The New Victoria Orchestra.
"Die Fledermaus"—Vocal Gems (J. Strauss)... Grand Opera Company with Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Doreen Ma
At The
Piano

Country Life Suite (Alford)... The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division.
The Soloist's Delight (Godfrey); Marche Heroique De Szabady (Massenet, arr. Dan Godfrey)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. J. C. Windram.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay — "Vive la France".
9.45 p.m.—Ninon Vallin (Soprano) in a French Programme.
10.13 p.m.—Variety with the Hill Billies, Jack Buchanan, Cicely Courtneidge and Others.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay — "Background to the News".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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GOOD GUESSING

To-day's hand was well bid by North and South, for in spite of the handicap of a partial score, they contracted for a Small Slam in hearts which offered a good chance for success. However, South had to do some good guessing to make his contract.

Neither side vulnerable
North and South 60 on score

♠ A 10 6
♥ J 10 4
♦ A 7
♣ A Q J 6 3
♠ 8 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 6 2
♣ K 9 8 5 2
N
W
E
S
♠ Q 7 5 8 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 8 8
♣ 10 4
♠ K J 9
♥ A K Q 9 8
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
8♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West made the embarrassing lead (for South) of a trump. Observing that he could now ruff only one diamond in dummy, South decided that he would have to finesse clubs. There were two ways of taking the club finesse—dummy's Ace could be played and then the Queen led through East, or South could lead the singleton club from his hand and take a straight finesse. It appeared as though West's trump opening showed some club strength and South therefore decided on the latter method. After dummy's club Queen held, the Ace was cashed and a diamond discarded. The Ace and another diamond were then played. East won

and returned a trump. South now trumped his remaining diamond in dummy, ruffed a club in his hand and then played his remaining trumps. At this point South had to guess the location of the spade Queen, for he could finesse in either direction. He had carefully counted his opponents' distribution and now knew that East had originally held five spades. Therefore the chances were overwhelmingly in favour of his holding the Queen. South therefore played East for the spade Queen and made his contract by correctly guessing two two-way finesses.

Yesterday Merwin Maier was your partner and you held:

♠ K x x x
♥ K x x x
♦ K x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

ANSWER: Your correct lead is a club. This lead will surely not cost you a trick. Any other lead is likely to.

Score club lead 100%, any other suit 0.

QUESTION NO. 429

Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ J 9 x x
♥ Q x x
♦ K x
♣ K J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ROYAL AIR FORCE STRENGTH

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IT CAN BE COMPUTED FROM AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE TOTAL BRITISH AIRCRAFT LOST IN ACTION SINCE MAY 10 IS 302—LESS THAN ONE TENTH OF THE TOTAL LOSSES ATTRIBUTED TO THE ALLIES IN GERMAN CLAIMS.

Naturally no official figures of the output of the aircraft industry are available. It can be confidently stated, however, that the total strength of the R.A.F. is greater at the end of these four weeks than it was at the beginning—four weeks in the latter part of which over the Dunkirk beaches it "engaged the main strength of the German air force and inflicted upon it losses of at least four to one," to use the Premier's words.—British Wireless.

GERMAN DIPLOMACY IN BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day:

A German delegation has arrived here which is entrusted with the signature of a cultural agreement between the Reich and Bulgaria.—Havas.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO B.E.F.

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
THE "DETROIT FREE PRESS" SAYS HE WHO REMAINS COURAGEOUS IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY IS COURAGEOUS INDEED.

The conduct of the British in the retreat from Flanders has provoked expressions of respect even from their Nazi opponents and the morale of those who finally reached their island home suggests that the spirit of His Majesty's fighting men remains unbroken.

The "Cincinnati Inquirer" declares the removal of more than 250,000 Allied troops from Flanders is spectacular proof that sea power can stand up to aerial thrusts better than many observers expected.—Reuter.

LANDSLIDE VICTIM

The heavy rainfalls of the last few days have claimed yet another victim.

In a report to the Police, Ngan Yan, 52, who resided in a hut on the hillside at Sek Kip Mei Village, in the Shamshuipo area, stated that his 18-year-old daughter was in his hut when it was buried by a landslide at 6 a.m. yesterday.

When the girl was extricated, life was found to be extinct. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.



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AQUATICS

"Y" AGAIN BEAT AUSTRALIAN TEAM

European Y.M.C.A. scored another victory over an Australian naval swimming team last night, winning by a margin of 25-11 on swimming, diving and water polo events.

Except for the 50 yards free style, all events were decided over 25 yards, i.e., apart from the 25 yards backstroke, in all relays each man swam 25 yards.

Main feature of the evening was the fine performance of G. T. May, who returned the very excellent time of 26 seconds in the 50 yards free style. When one takes into consideration the fact that this time was returned in fresh water, whereas all Colony events are decided in salt water, the excellence of this time will be better appreciated.

B. S. Wilson again won the backstroke event, having little difficulty over the distance of 25 yards, in securing an early lead which he maintained until the end.

As on the previous occasion, "Y" proved too good for their guests in the relay events and won both the 75 yards medley and the 200 yards free style, although their were extended in the latter.

The water polo saw the locals score yet another success, winning by 6-0 after leading by 3-0 at half time.

Following the aquatics, dancing was indulged in, in the West Lounge.

Results:

50 yards free style:—1. G. T. May ("Y"); 2. F. A. Weller ("Y"); 3. A. B. Dixon (Australians); 4. Sub. Lt. Arthur (Australians). Time: 26 secs.

25 yards backstroke:—1. B. S. Wilson ("Y"); 2. F. Willis ("Y"); 3. A. B. Sullivan (Australians); 4. A. B. Crowle (Australians). Time: 15 secs.

75 yards medley relay (back, breast and free-styles):—1. "Y" A. (B. S. Wilson, F. A. Weller and G. Arnold); 2. Australians (Sub. Lt. Arthur, A. B. Sullivan and Sub. Lt. Beseler). Time: 45 secs. "Y" B. (F. Willis, P. B. Wilson and A. Hunt) were disqualified.

Diving:—(One plain low-board, one plain high-board, one optional).—1. R. Goldman ("Y") (51 points); 2. A. B. Nicholson (Australians) (47 points); 3. Mid. Macfarlane (Australians) (44 points).

200 yards free-style relay, teams of eight:—1. "Y" (F. A. Weller, H. Eardley, A. R. Hunt, G. T. May, F. Willis, P. B. Wilson, L. A. Benn and G. Arnold); 2. Australians (A. B. Walker, P. O. Layton, A. B. Kinburn, A. B. Nicholson, A. B. Dixon, Sub. Lt. Beseler, A. B. Williams, and A. B. Crowle). Time: 1 min. 46 secs.

Water-polo:—Y.M.C.A. beat Australians 6-0 R. Goldman (2), G. T. May (2), L. A. Bennand, L. H. Chater scored for the winners. Australians:—P. O. Good; P. O. Layton and P. O. Ryder; A. B. Williams; A. B. Sullivan, A. B. Noonan and Sub. Lt. Arthur. Y.M.C.A.:—H. Eardley; L. A. Benn and L. Beattie; G. T. May; P. B. Wilson, R. Goldman and L. H. Chater.

Diving for Plates:—Sub. Lt. Arthur (6 plates).

GOVT. HOUSE BEATEN

At Government House yesterday, Prison officers beat a Government House team by 18 shots in a friendly Lawn Bowls match.

Government House	Prison Officers
W. Walker	S. H. Marvin
His Excellency	W. E. Webber
Dr. Newton	F. N. Hill
J. Deakin	W. J. Bagley
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. A. Fraser	A. W. Hircok
F. Flippance	S. Hodge
E. Searle	J. McCutcheon
H. H. Pegg	C. Gowland
(Skip)	(Skip)
W. A. Cornell	V. Freeman
G. A. Archbutt	W. Hutson
S. H. Dodwell	S. McGrath
A. L. Shields	T. Pile
(Skip)	(Skip)
17	31
55	71

AMERICAN BASEBALL

New York, To-day. The following are the results of games played yesterday.
American League:—Chicago 5, New York 7; St. Louis 4, Boston 3 (14 innings); Cleveland 1, Washington 6.
National League:—Philadelphia 2, Chicago 3. Reuter.

COLONY LAWN BOWLS

LANDOLT AND BASA SCORE A SEVEN

FURTHER PROGRESS was made yesterday in the First Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship, when four games were decided.

At Hong Kong Football Club, J. F. MacGown and H. E. Strange beat W. J. Penney and A. E. Coates by one shot in their game left unfinished on Monday. The game was continued from the 19th head, with the Civil Service pair leading by 22-21.

On the 20th head the C.C.C. pair scored a brace to take the lead but conceded a two in the last head, for the C.S.C.C. pair to win by 24 shots to 23.

On the Civil Service green W. Mulcahy and T. W. Carr and F. X. Delgado and A. J. Coelho provided the most exciting game of the competition so far. Scoring on the whole was low, only two threes being scored.

Mulcahy and Carr were leading by 15 shots to 3 at the 13th head but the C.C.C. pair then staged a remarkable recovery. On the last six head they collected 10 shots to lose 16-17.

Though C. S. Rosslett and A. A. Razaek won by five shots they did not have matters all their own way against K. M. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn. Aided by a three and a four the C.C.C. pair led at the 11th head by 12 shots to 4 but steady play enabled the I.R.C. players to draw level at 13-all on the 18th head.

A two and a four for the Valley pair on the next two heads sealed the Indians' fate and they lost by 14 shots to 19.

J. S. Landolt and R. Basa registered a seven against K. M. Omar and A. M. Rumjahn and won comfortably by 27 shots to 14.

Rumjahn sent down some good woods on the short heads. Landolt was the best of the four players and played the major part in the big win.

Scores in detail:

A. A. Razaek and C. S. Rosslett	K. M. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn
Shots	Shots
1 0	0
2 1	1
3 0	1
4 0	1
5 4	5
6 1	6
7 1	7
8 0	7
9 1	8
10 3	11
11 1	12
12 0	12
13 0	12
14 1	13
15 0	13
16 0	13
17 0	13
18 0	13
19 2	15
20 4	18
21 0	19

F. X. Delgado and A. J. Coelho	W. Mulcahy and T. W. Carr
Shots	Shots
1 0	0
2 1	1
3 1	2
4 0	2
5 0	2
6 0	2
7 0	2
8 0	2
9 0	2
10 1	3
11 0	3
12 0	3
13 0	3
14 2	5
15 0	5
16 1	6
17 2	8
18 2	10
19 2	12
20 3	15
21 1	16

A. M. Rumjahn and K. M. Omar	J. S. Landolt and R. Basa
Shots	Shots
1 1	1
2 1	2
3 0	2
4 0	2
5 0	2
6 0	2
7 0	2
8 1	3
9 0	3
10 0	3
11 0	3
12 2	5
13 0	5
14 1	6
15 4	10
16 1	11
17 0	11
18 2	13
19 1	14
20 0	14
21 0	14

BASKETBALL

PUI YING SCORE GOOD WIN OVER CHING WU

THE LARGE CROWD gathered at Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night was very disappointed to see the South China Athletic Association quintette, owing to some "domestic" reason, gave a walk-over to Wah Kui Club in "A" Division of the All-Chinese Colony Basketball League.

This match would otherwise have been the main attraction of the evening's programme.

Later, however, was witnessed a skilful performance by the students of Pui Ying College, who, after a really thrilling and interesting contest, defeated the representatives of Ching Wu Club by 33 points to 28 in a "B" Division game.

The students were leading by only two points (17-15) at the end of the first period and were, at one stage, being led by three points at 24-21; they however, managed to settle down and eventually won in the last 10 minutes.

Despite their youth, Pui Ying were much cleverer than their experienced opponents, whom they overwhelmed.

Mak Hoi-ying, the pivot, played a good game and scored four good goals; to his methodical play goes the credit for keeping the losers out of shooting range.

It was very interesting to watch the accurate and powerful long shooting of the winners' guard, Lok Sze-hong, who also netted four goals for his side. All the goals were scored from mid-field shooting.

The forwards, however, were too slow and were unable to adopt the tactics they desired.

The losing forwards, Chan Pui-ki, Lee Pun-yick and Lee Pui-wing, were more impressive than the winners'; they however, were too well guarded by the students' pivot.

Lee Pui-wing, the centre-forward, managed to score seven goals for the losers. His 15 points, included one foul goal.

PUI YING COLLEGE

	Foul	No. of
	Goals	Fouls
Chan Sze-hung	1	0
Wong Sheung-ying	0	2
Mak Hoi-ying	4	0
Kong Kit-lau	0	0
Tang Shu-hee	2	1
Yau Hing-shui	3	0
Chau Kim-kim	0	0
Lok Sze-hong	4	2
Chan Keun-yuk	0	0
Total Points	33	

CHING WU CLUB

	Foul	No. of
	Goals	Fouls
Chan Pui-ki	2	0
Lee Pun-yick	1	0
Lee Pui-wing	7	1
Leung Kwok-yung	0	0
Lai Chung-ying	0	0
Chu Wing-chee	0	0
Chau Han-ming	0	0
Lau Tak-wai	0	0
Cheung Ying-hoi	0	0
Cheung Sheng-tsung	2	1
Total Points	28	

GREAT WIN FOR KONG YUEN

Another match in this Division between the Kong Yuen and Talkoo Clubs was played last evening, resulting in a great win for the former, who won by 61-42, after leading 28-16.

The winners were best served by their pivot, Tang Fook-hong, who scored 30 points out of the total of 61 points for his side. Sum Ping-kuen, the right-wing, also had his part in the scoring; he registered five goals and four foul goals (a total of 14 points).

For the losers, Cheng Kai-hui and Lee Kai-yun were the pick, in the attack, while Ng Yuk-kuen was the best in the defence.

TENNIS AGAIN POSTPONED

Owing to the sodden state of the grounds, no "C" Division League tennis matches were played yesterday. This makes the third successive day in which tennis has been washed out, and it is almost certain that to-day's "D" Division matches will suffer the same fate.

GRAPHIC GOLE



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While the pro golfer is sagacious enough to realize that his errant shot into the rough or tall grass is likely to cost him a stroke, the average player is prone to think a lucky shot may make up the error. As a result the pro looks over the situation with an observant eye, analyzes the shot carefully and then chooses the right club for the job. If the ball lies in heavy grass, very likely he chooses an iron. His very approach favours a successful shot.

On the other hand the duffer, finding his ball in a similar situation, often tries to make this one shot make up for two. Figuring he can make up the distance lost by banging away with a wooden club he finds much to his dismay that the ball darts but a few yards forward. His mistake has been in expecting too much and choosing the wrong club. Any straight faced iron would have cut through the heavy grass in better fashion and afforded cleaner contact with the ball. If the grass is exceptionally thick, he might do well to let the heel of the iron lead the way and then straighten the face just prior to impact. The odds against a successful shot with the right club are enough without increasing them by using a wood.

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Next Article:—Length Off The Tee.

KONG YUEN CLUB

	Foul	No. of
	Goals	Fouls
Sum Ping-kuen	5	4
Yuen Pak-yip	1	0
Sik Chu-chuen	3	1
Fung Tze-keung	0	0
Tang Fook-hong	15	0
Ting Ping-koo	0	0
Chau Kam-wan	0	1
Kui Wing-yuk	3	1
Total Points	61	

TALKOO CLUB

	Foul	No. of
	Goals	Fouls
Kwok Ying-tai	2	0
Cheng Kai-hui	3	1
Chan Hok-sing	2	0
Lee Kai-yun	5	2
Yau Kam-hui	2	1
Chu Fook-yim	1	0
Ng Yuk-kuen	2	0
Total Points	42	

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v P.R.C., Away):—
F. D. Angus, J. L. Mouat, G. E. Costello, B. E. Maughan (skip); R. R. Davies, A. McKellar, G. S. Archbutt, L. A. R. Duncan (skip); T. A. Pearce, J. Prentice, R. A. Edwards, A. W. Brown (skip).

Third Division (v C.C.G., Away):—H. A. Angus, L. E. N. Ryan, W. A. Cornell, P. S. Cassidy (skip); W. A. Cruickshank, B. J. Lacon, A. S. Mitchell, R. H. Wild (skip); W. J. Hansen, E. S. Doughty, E. Hospes, E. S. Abraham (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Following will represent Hong Kong Electric:—

Third Division (v K.B.G.C., Away):—
A. G. Gardner, R. F. Gregory, A. P. Tar-buck, A. F. Paul (skip); W. Stoker, W. E. Macfarlane, H. S. McKay, J. F. Lunny (skip); R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahagan, G. T. Padgett, G. G. S. Thomson (skip).

H.K.F.C.

The following have been chosen to repre-

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

sent Hong Kong Football Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v K.C.C., Home):—B. A. Mansell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan, W. Gill (skip); J. Watson, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lamment, K. S. Robertson (skip); A. B. Didsbury, G. E. Stephens, A. Brooksbank, N. J. Bebbington (skip).

Third Division (v I.R.C., Away):—F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, E. R. Strange, H. G. Wallington (skip); A. Watson, F. Flippance, E. J. Bickford, G. S. Grouea (skip); H. H. Beddow, T. R. Robell, F. J. Brones, S. H. Strange (skip).

RECREIO

Following teams have been selected to represent Club de Recreio:—

First Division (Recreio "A" v Police, Away):—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F.

Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip).

First Division (Recreio "B" v I.R.C., Home):—C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, A. P. Guterres, B. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. Roza Pereira, J. J. Basto (skip); A. P. Pereira, C. Lopes, J. C. Remedios, J. Noronha (skip).

Second Division (v Craigengower, Home):—M. F. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. Rodrigues, O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, H. R. Pinna, E. M. Remedios, E. Souza (skip).

K.C.C.

Following team will represent Kowloon Cricket Club v Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday:—

First Division (Away):—G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy, E. Kern (skip); T. A. Madar, G. Moss, H. Overy, E. C. Fincher (skip); V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser, F. Goodwin (skip).

Reserve:—W. Hyde.

Second Division (v Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Home):—C. J. Tacchi, R. B. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey, T. W. Carr (skip); R. Leigh, L. Jack, G. Taylor, A. Spary (skip); C. T. Champelovier, W. Prasons, R. Marks, J. M. Jack (skip).

Reserves:—A. A. Dand, A. Tribble, F. A. Fabel and A. Madar.

POLICE

The following have been selected to represent Police Recreation Club in League lawn bowls matches on Saturday:—

First Division (v Recreio "A", Home):—E. G. Post, W. J. C. Cameron, W. S. Dall and A. E. Carey (skip); W. Glendinning, J. W. Harrop, G. Perkins and J. C. S. Fender (skip); W. McLeod, F. C. Channing, J. Shepherd and J. Orem (skip).

Second Division (v H.K.C.C., Away):—G. Willerton, J. Hayward, J. C. Aitken, and W. E. Hollands (skip); H. Brown, W. B. Harris, J. R. McWalter, and A. Wright (skip); A. Soutar, J. Headridge, J. W. MacDonald and J. Riddell (skip).

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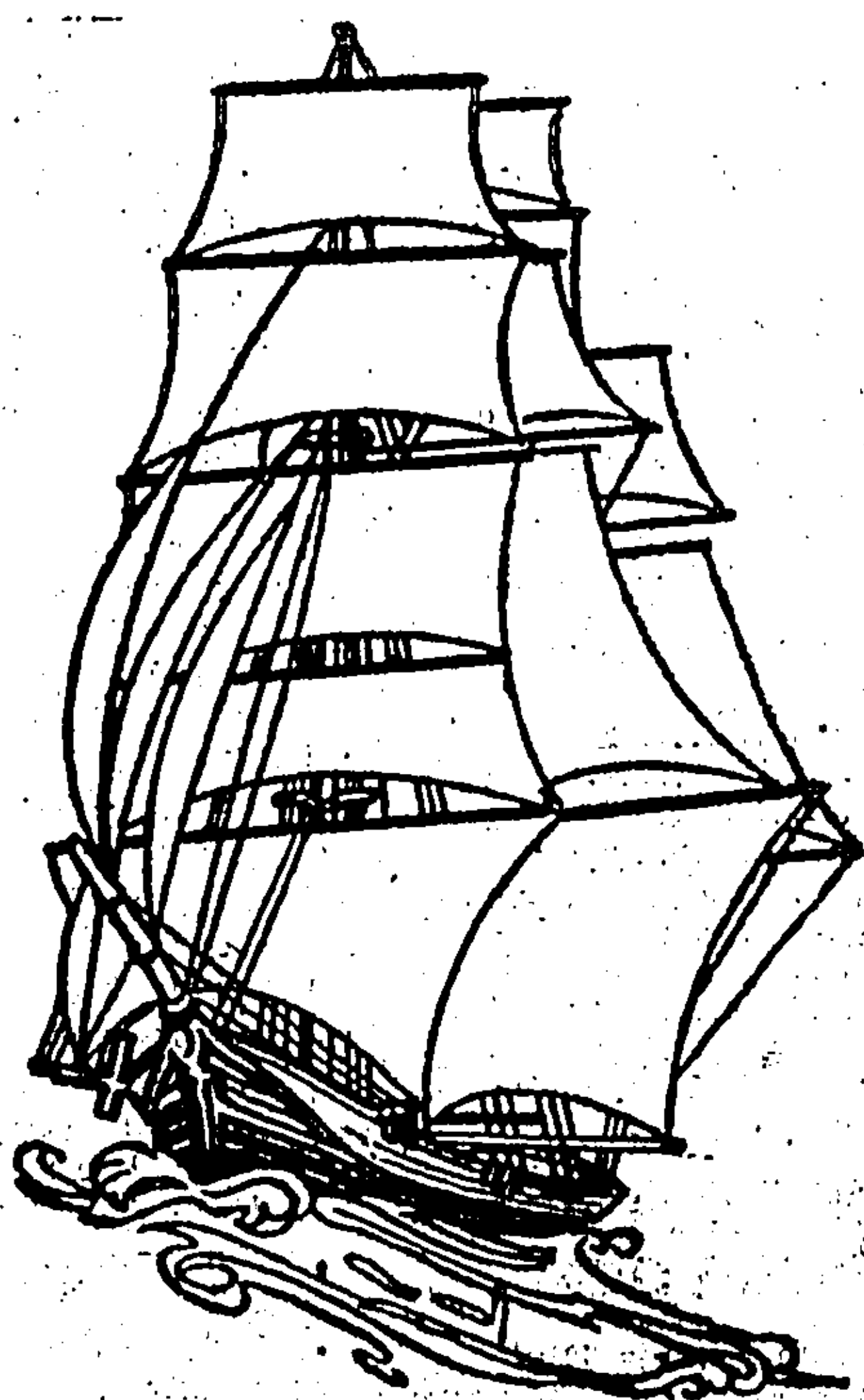
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HONG KONG TO INCREASE WAR GIFT

The question of further assistance to His Majesty's Government in the prosecution of the war was considered at a confidential meeting of the Finance Committee of Legislative Council held last Thursday.

The Committee decided unanimously to recommend the offer of a grant additional to the sum already voted for that purpose.

The offer has been communicated by telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and his reply is awaited.

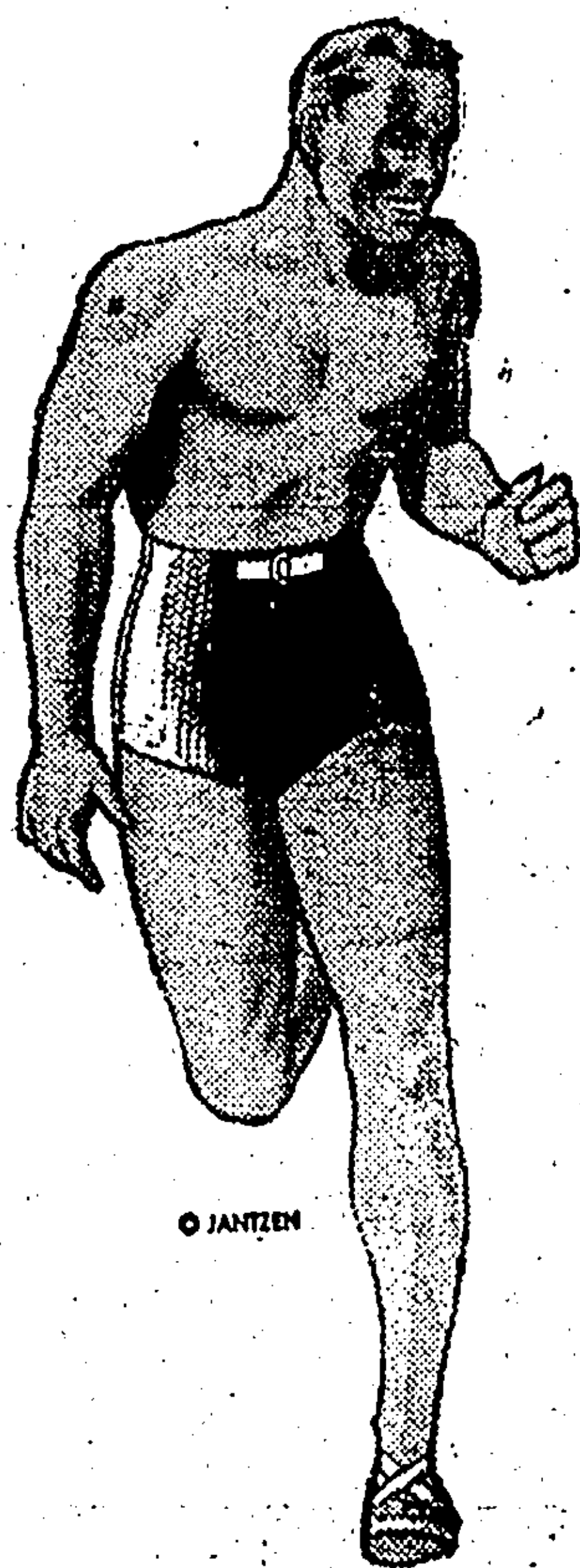
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"The formation of a Shanghai detachment has been mooted privately and is now discussed publicly, and several suggestions have been made that either the central British War Fund be devoted to the purpose of training and despatching a local legion to the front, or that another Fund be formed for that purpose."

"Whispers are current in Shanghai that a small but energetic bloc tried to obtain the blessing of the British Residents' Association when that august body held its semi-official meeting yesterday."—Havas.

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PRINCE KONOYE AND THE ARMY

Tokyo, To-day.

Prince Konoye, President of the Privy Council, who is being sought as leader of the movement to organise the single party system, declared to the press that the problem of disposing of the China incident and the development of the European situation made him feel keenly the need for a new political structure.

He said, however, he was unable to commit himself as to whether he would lead a single national party in view of the fact that Imperial Sanction and Cabinet approval would be necessary before he could resign from the Privy Council and accept the leadership of a political organisation.

The Prince told the press he was not interested in a new party which would be prepared to do the bidding of the military.

He believed the new party should be confident enough in itself to have a heart to heart talk with the military, at the same time reflecting the feelings of the people.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI FACTORY GRIEVANCE

Shanghai, To-day.

All Chinese factories in the Shanghai area, whether or not they have resumed operations, are still in Japanese hands contrary to the promise made by the Japanese authorities that they would be retroceded on application to the "reorganised Chinese national government" at Nanking, says the "Ta Mei Wan Pao."

Not one of these Chinese-owned factories has yet been restored to its rightful owner, the paper says.—Reuter.

RESISTANCE ZONE HOLDS NAZITANKS

(Continued from Page 1)

In many instances our bombers silenced German artillery despite sharp action by the enemy's fighters. Many German planes were shot down, though the total has not yet been established.—Havas.

Prelude—Or THE Battle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The German drive southwards began at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in the region of Laon-Solsons. French German divisions are taking part in the battle, and many of them will be in action for the first time.

It is impossible to say, at the moment, whether the present battle is the prelude to a major effort or is a major effort itself.

It should be possible, however, to say this within a few hours.

From the direction of the thrust, the drive would appear to be on Paris itself.

Allied troops are standing firm on the "Weygand Line."—Havas.

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London, To-day.

The Air Ministry and the Ministry for Home Security announce that enemy aircraft dropped a number of incendiary bombs in rural districts in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk, and also Thameside, last night apparently in an attempt to locate R.A.F. aerodromes.

Anti-aircraft defences were in action; no damage is reported except for a house set on fire in Lincolnshire.

In two attacks high explosive bombs were used without causing serious damage. Six persons received minor injuries.—Reuter.

The "China Mail" understands that the order requiring all enemy aliens, male and female, to leave the Colony by June 11, indicated yesterday to be all-embracing, may be subject to some modification.

Paris, To-day.

M. Marcel Peyrouton, French Ambassador in Buenos Aires, has been appointed Resident-General in Tunis in place of M. Labonne on the latter's appointment as Ambassador in Moscow.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

The Navy Ministry spokesman at this morning's press conference spontaneously referred to persistent rumours that the French are negotiating for the transfer of their Concession at Shanghai to the United States on the alleged ground of the insufficiency of the patrol forces. He added: "If the rumour proves true, the Japanese Government absolutely cannot overlook the matter."

Drawing attention to the fact that 15 United States planes took off from Honolulu on Tuesday for Manila, the spokesman admitted the situation in the south Pacific was tense but failed to clarify in what connexion.—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.

The situation is tense with Mussolini expected to speak this evening and the departure of 20 members of the British Embassy, mostly commercial staff, but meanwhile the diplomatic editor of the Stefani agency stresses Italy's continued indirect aid to Germany since the outbreak of war by keeping at least 50 British and French divisions immobilised in the Alps and the Mediterranean as well as large air forces and a great part of the fleets.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Times" says the United States is making available immediately for the Allies at least 600,000 rifles and 2,500 field-guns and ammunition, which will be sent to Britain to compensate for the losses in Flanders.

The correspondent says this can be done under a ruling by the Attorney-General that the transfer will not violate international law. The arms are classed as obsolete but are still useable. Measures are also being discussed to transfer some planes and destroyers to the Allies.—Reuter.